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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Herein is the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Poplar River Bilateral Monitoring Committee. This report discusses the Committee activities of 1999 and presents the proposed schedule for the year 2000.

During 1999, the Poplar River Bilateral Monitoring Committee continued to fulfil the responsibilities assigned by the governments under the Poplar River Cooperative Monitoring Agreement dated September 23, 1980. Through exchange of Diplomatic Notes, in March 1987, July 1992, and July 1997, the Arrangement was extended. The current extension expires in March 2002.

The enclosed report summarizes current water-quality conditions and compares them to guidelines for specific parameter values that were developed by the International Joint Commission under the 1977 Reference from Canada and the United States. After evaluation of the monitoring information for 1999, the Committee finds that the measured conditions meet the recommended objectives. The Committee notes that the flow-weighted concentration of total dissolved solids in streamflow in the East Poplar River at the International Boundary remains close to the long-term objective of 1,000 milligrams per litre, but did not exceed the objective in 1999. The Committee after discussing and reviewing the Water-Quality Objectives agreed to suspend monitoring and reporting of several parameters since they were no longer considered of concern. The parameters affected are: dissolved aluminum, un-ionized ammonia, total and dissolved chromium, mercury in fish, and fecal and total coliform.

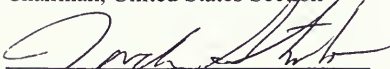
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During 1999, monitoring continued in accordance with Technical Monitoring Schedules outlined in the 1992 Annual Report of the Poplar River Bilateral Monitoring Committee.

Yours sincerely,



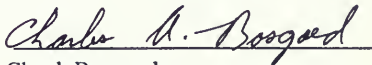
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## HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1999

The Poplar River Power Station completed its sixteenth full year of operation in 1999. The two 300-megawatt coal-fired units generated 4,185,100 gross megawatt hours of electricity. The average capacity factors for Units No. 1 and 2 was 88.6 percent and 81.1 percent, respectively. The capacity factor is based on the maximum generating rating of 305 MW/h for Unit #1, and 310 MW/h for Unit #2. Similar to other years, scheduled maintenance was completed in the fall and spring of 1999.

Monitoring information collected in both Canada and the United States during 1999 was exchanged in the spring of 2000. In general, the sampling locations, frequency of collection, and parameters met the requirements identified in the 1999 Technical Monitoring Schedules set forth in the 1998 annual report. In 1999, the Committee also initiated the Cookson Reservoir Study to investigate the potential salinity problems associated with the Reservoir and its impact in the East Poplar River flows downstream.

The recorded volume of the Poplar River at International Boundary from March 1 to May 31, 1999 was 35,440 dam<sup>3</sup> (28,730 acre-feet). Based on IJC recommendations and the assumption that the recorded flow is the natural flow, the United States was entitled to a minimum discharge on the East Poplar River of 0.085 cubic metres per second (m<sup>3</sup>/s) (3.0 cubic feet per second (ft<sup>3</sup>/s)) for the period June 1, 1999 to August 31, 1999 and 0.057 m<sup>3</sup>/s (2.0 ft<sup>3</sup>/s) for the period of September 1, 1999 to May 31, 2000. The minimum flow of 0.028 m<sup>3</sup>/s (1.0 ft<sup>3</sup>/s) for the period January 1 to May 31, 1999 had previously been determined on the basis of the Poplar River flow volume for March 1 to May 31, 1998. Except for few days in July and August, daily flows in 1999 met or exceeded the minimum flow recommended by the IJC.

In addition to the minimum flow, the IJC apportionment recommendation entitles the United States to an on-demand release to be delivered on the East Poplar River during the twelve-month period commencing June 1. Based on the runoff volume of 4,420 dam<sup>3</sup> (3,580 acre-feet) recorded at the Poplar River at International Boundary gauging station for March 1 through May 31, 1998, the United States was entitled to an additional release of 370 dam<sup>3</sup> (300 acre-feet) from Cookson Reservoir during the succeeding twelve month period commencing June 1, 1998. Montana requested this release to be made between May 1 and May 31, 1999. A volume of 1,220 dam<sup>3</sup> (989 acre-feet) was delivered during this period.

The 1999 five-year total dissolved solids (TDS) flow-weighted concentrations were below the long-term objective of 1,000 milligrams per litre (mg/L). The maximum monthly value calculated in 1999 was just under 989 mg/L. The gradual increase in five-year flow-weighted concentrations for TDS is due to insufficient surface runoff over the long term, which has not allowed for sufficient flushing of Cookson Reservoir. Boron concentrations for 1999 continued to remain well below the long-term objective of 2.5 mg/L.



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Poplar River Bilateral Monitoring Committee was authorized for an initial period of five years by the Governments of Canada and the United States under the Poplar River Cooperative Monitoring Arrangement dated September 23, 1980. A copy of the Arrangement is attached to this report as Annex 1. Through exchange of Diplomatic Notes, on March 12, 1987, July 1992, and July 18, 1997, the Arrangement was extended. The current extension expires in March 2002. A more detailed account of the historical background of the Monitoring Arrangement is contained in the 1990 Annual Report of the Poplar River Bilateral Monitoring Committee.

The Committee oversees monitoring programs designed to evaluate the potential for transboundary impacts from SaskPower's (formerly Saskatchewan Power Corporation) coal-fired thermal generating station and ancillary operations near Coronach, Saskatchewan. Monitoring is conducted in Canada and the United States at or near the International Boundary for quantity and quality of surface and ground water and for air quality. Participants from both countries, including Federal, State and Provincial agencies, are involved in monitoring.

The Committee submits an annual report to Governments which summarizes the monitoring results, evaluates apparent trends, and compares the data to objectives or standards recommended by the International Joint Commission (IJC) to Governments, or relevant State, Provincial, or Federal standards. The Committee reports to Governments on a calendar year basis. The Committee is also responsible for drawing to the attention of Governments definitive changes in monitored parameters which may require immediate attention.

A responsibility of the Committee is to review the adequacy of the monitoring programs in both countries and make recommendations to Governments on the Technical Monitoring Schedules. The Schedules are updated annually for new and discontinued programs and for modifications in sampling frequencies, parameter lists, and analytical techniques of ongoing programs. The Technical Monitoring Schedules listed in the annual report (Annex 2) are given for the forthcoming year. The Committee will continue to review and propose changes to the Technical Monitoring Schedules as information requirements change.

## 2.0 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

### 2.1 Membership

The Committee is composed of representatives of the Governments of the United States of America and Canada, the State Government of Montana, and the Provincial Government of Saskatchewan. In addition to the representatives of Governments, two ex-officio members serve as local representatives for the State of Montana and Province of Saskatchewan.

During 1999, the members of the Committee included: Mr. R. Davis, U.S. Geological Survey, United States representative and Cochair; Mr. R. Kellow, Environment Canada, Canadian representative and Cochair; Mr. J. Stults, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Montana representative; Mr. C. Bosgoed, Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management, Saskatchewan representative; Mr. C.W. Tande, Daniels County Commissioner, Montana local ex-officio representative; and Mr. J.R. Totten, Reeve, R.M. of Hart Butte, Saskatchewan local ex-officio representative.

### 2.2 Meetings

The Committee met on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 1999, in Helena, Montana. Delegated representatives of Governments, with the exception of the two ex-officio members from Montana and Saskatchewan, attended the meeting. In addition to Committee members, several technical advisors representing Federal, State, and Provincial agencies participated in the meeting. During the meeting, the Committee reviewed the operational status of the Poplar Power Plant and associated coal mining activities; examined data collected in 1998 including surface-water quality and quantity, ground-water quality and quantity, and air quality; established the Technical Monitoring Schedules for the year 2000; discussed proposed changes in water-quality objectives and the possibility of replacing the flow-weighting method currently used to compute total dissolved solids and boron. The Committee also prepared the first draft of the 1998 annual Report to Governments.

### **2.3 Review of Water-Quality Objectives**

The International Joint Commission in its Report to Governments, titled " Water-Quality in the Poplar River Basin", recommended that the Committee "periodically review the water-quality objectives within the overall Basin context and recommend new and revised objectives as appropriate". In 1991, the Committee undertook a review of water-quality objectives.

The Committee approved changes in water-quality objectives recommended by the 1991 subcommittee which was formed to review the objectives. Revised objectives approved by the Committee are listed in Table 2.1.

The Committee discussed the water-quality objectives for 5-year and 3-month flow-weighted concentrations for total dissolved solids and boron. Although the Committee agreed that calculation procedures to determine flow-weighted concentrations are time consuming and probably scientifically questionable, no consensus was reached on alternative objectives or procedures. Some of the discussions and decisions that were made at this meeting include: Suspending most of the parameters that were recommended for discontinuance back in 1991 such as dissolved aluminum, bacteria, pH, mercury in fish, and un-ionized ammonia. Canada has expressed concern about the need for the flow-weighted boron and TDS objectives given the uncertainty of the scientific validity of how the objectives are calculated.

According to the IJC report titled, "Water-Quality in the Poplar River Basin", the Committee can "recommend new and revised objectives as appropriate". After a lengthy discussion, members agreed not to remove any objectives at this time. Instead, the Committee decided to suspend the monitoring and reporting of several parameters after reviewing the water-quality objectives. The suspended parameters are: dissolved aluminum, un-ionized ammonia, total chromium, mercury in fish, fecal coliform, and total coliform. In addition, the Committee agreed there was a need to review the flow-weighted objectives for Boron and TDS. The Committee also agreed to other minor revisions to the water-quality objectives for clarification. For example, changing the designation for pH from "natural" to "ambient".

Another responsibility of the Committee has included an ongoing exchange of data acquired through the monitoring programs. Exchanged data and reports are available for public viewing at the agencies of the participating governments or from Committee members.

## **2.4 Data Exchange**

The Committee is responsible for assuring exchange of data between governments. The exchange of monitoring information was initiated in the first quarter of 1981 and was an expansion of the informal quarterly exchange program initiated between the United States and Canada in 1976. Until 1991, data were exchanged on a quarterly basis. At the request of the Committee, the United States and Canada agreed to replace the quarterly exchange of data with an annual exchange effective at the beginning of the 1992 calendar year. Henceforth, data will be exchanged once each year as soon after the end of the calendar year as possible. However, unusual conditions or anomalous information will be reported and exchanged whenever warranted. No unusual conditions occurred during 1999 which warranted special reporting.

**Table 2.1 Water-Quality Objectives**

PARAMETER	PRESENT OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	NEW OBJECTIVE
Boron - total	3.5/2.5 <sup>1</sup>	Continue as is -- re-evaluate	To be determined
TDS	1500/1000 <sup>1</sup>	Continue as is -- re-evaluate	To be determined
Aluminum, dissolved	0.1	Suspend*	---
Ammonia, un-ionized	0.02	Suspend*	---
Cadmium, total	0.0012	Continue as is	0.0012
Chromium, total	0.05	Suspend*	---
Copper, dissolved	0.005	Suspend*	---
Copper, total	1	Continue as is	1
Fluoride, dissolved	1.5	Continue as is	1.5
Lead, total	0.03	Continue as is	0.03
Mercury, dissolved	0.0002	Change to total	0.0002
Mercury, fish (mg/kg)	0.5	Suspend*	---
Nitrate	10	Continue as is	10
Oxygen, dissolved	4.0/5.0 <sup>2</sup>	Objective applies only during open water	4.0/5.0 <sup>2</sup>
SAR (units)	10	Continue as is	10
Sulfate, dissolved	800	Continue as is	800
Zinc, total	0.03	Continue as is	0.03
Water temperature (C)	30.0 <sup>3</sup>	Continue as is	30.0 <sup>3</sup>
pH (units)	6.5 <sup>4</sup>	Continue	6.5 <sup>4</sup>
Coliform (no./100 ml)			
Fecal	2000	Suspend*	—
Total	20000	Suspend*	---

Units in mg/L except as noted.

1. Five-year average of flow-weighted concentrations (March to October) should be <2.5 boron, <1,000 TDS. Three-month average of flow-weighted concentration should be <3.5 boron and <1500 TDS.

2. 5.0 (minimum April 10 to May 15), 4.0 (minimum remainder of year - Fish Spawning).

3. Natural temperature (April 10 to May 15), <30 degree Celsius (remainder of year)

4. Less than 0.5 pH units above ambient, minimum pH=6.5.

*\*The term "Discontinue" in Table 2.1 was replaced with "Suspend" as discussed by the Committee in 1999.*



### 3.0 WATER AND AIR: MONITORING AND INTERPRETATIONS

#### 3.1 Poplar River Power Station Operation

In 1999, the average capacity factor for Unit No. 1 was 88.6 percent. The average capacity factor for Unit No. 2 was 81.1 percent. The capacity factors are based on the maximum generation rating of 305.0 MW/h for Unit No. 1 and 310.0 MW/h for Unit No. 2. Total power generated from both units was 4,185,100 gross megawatt-hours. There were no construction projects undertaken during 1999. Similar to other years, scheduled maintenance was completed in the fall and spring of 1999.

#### 3.2 East Poplar River

##### 3.2.1 Streamflow

Streamflow in the Poplar River basin was well above normal in 1999 due to near-record level snowpack in the region. The March to October recorded flow of the Poplar River at International Boundary, an indicator of natural flow in the basin, was 38,010 cubic decametres ( $\text{dam}^3$ ) (30,830 acre-feet), which was 377 percent of the 1931 to 1990 median seasonal flow. A comparison of 1999 monthly mean discharge with the 1931-90 median discharge is shown in Figure 3.1.

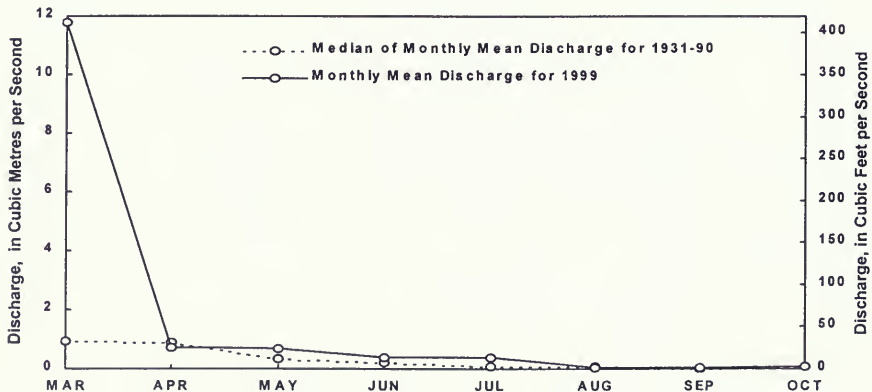


Figure 3.1 Discharge during 1999 as Compared with the Median Discharge from 1931-1990 for the Poplar River at International Boundary.



The 1999 recorded flow volume of the East Poplar River at International Boundary was 26,990 dam<sup>3</sup> (21,880 acre-feet). This volume is 906 percent of the median annual flow since the completion of Morrison Dam in 1975.

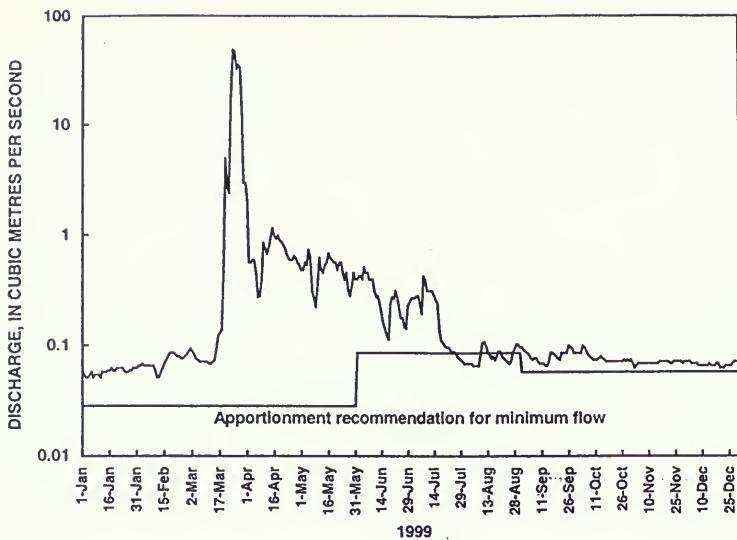
### **3.2.2 Apportionment**

In 1976 the International Souris-Red Rivers Engineering Board, through its Poplar River Task Force, completed an investigation and made a recommendation to the Governments of Canada and the United States regarding the apportionment of waters of the Poplar River basin. Although not officially adopted by the two countries, the Poplar River Bilateral Monitoring Committee has adhered to the Apportionment Recommendations in each of its annual reports. Annex 3 contains the apportionment recommendation.

### **3.2.3 Minimum Flows**

The recorded volume of the Poplar River at International Boundary from March 1 to May 31, 1999 was 35,440 dam<sup>3</sup> (28,730 acre-feet). Based on IJC recommendations and the assumption that the recorded flow is the natural flow, the United States was entitled to a minimum discharge on the East Poplar River of 0.085 cubic metres per second (m<sup>3</sup>/s) (3.0 cubic feet per second (ft<sup>3</sup>/s)) for the period June 1, 1999 to August 31, 1999 and 0.057 m<sup>3</sup>/s (2.0 ft<sup>3</sup>/s) for the period September 1, 1999 to May 31, 2000. The minimum flow 0.028 m<sup>3</sup>/s (1.0 ft<sup>3</sup>/s) for the period January 1 to May 31, 1999 had previously been determined on the basis of the Poplar River flow volume for March 1 to May 31, 1998. A hydrograph for the East Poplar River at International Boundary and the minimum flow as recommended by the IJC are shown in Figure 3.2.

Daily flows during 1999 met or exceeded the minimum flow recommended by the IJC throughout the year except for July 27 to August 8, August 14-18, and August 21-26 when daily flows fell slightly below the recommended minimum.



**Figure 3.2 Flow Hydrograph of the East Poplar River at International Boundary.**

#### **3.2.4 On-Demand Release**

In addition to the minimum flow, the IJC apportionment recommendation entitles Montana to an on-demand release to be delivered on the East Poplar River during the twelve-month period commencing June 1. Based on the runoff volume of 4,420 dam<sup>3</sup> (3,580 acre-feet) recorded at the Poplar River at International Boundary gauging station during the March 1 to May 31, 1998 period, Montana was entitled to an additional release of 370 dam<sup>3</sup> (300 acre-feet) from Cookson Reservoir during the succeeding twelve month period commencing June 1, 1998. Montana requested this release to be made between May 1 and May 31, 1999. A volume of 1,220 dam<sup>3</sup> (989 acre-feet), in addition to the minimum flow, was delivered during this period. A hydrograph showing cumulative volume of the on-demand release request and on-demand release delivery made at the East Poplar River at International Boundary is shown in Figure 3.3.

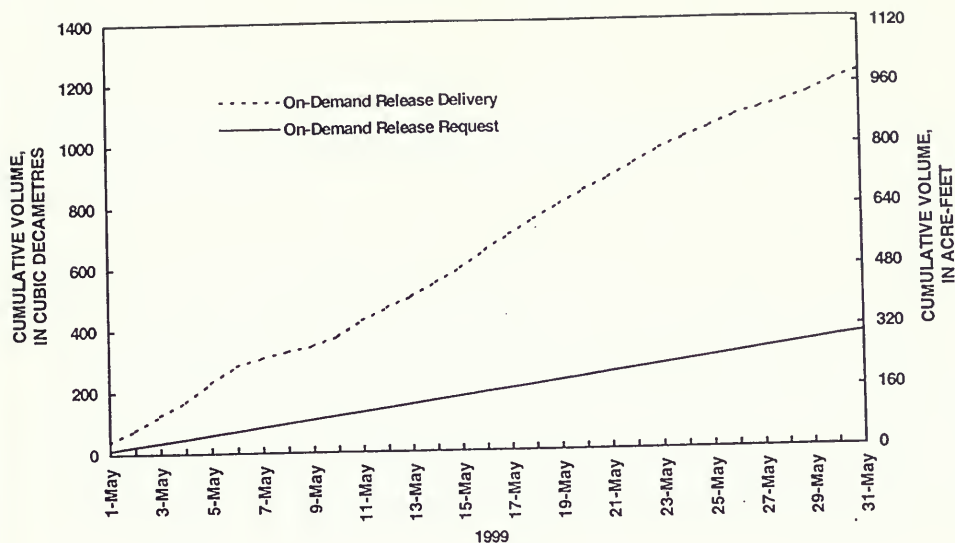


Figure 3.3 Cumulative Volume Hydrograph of On-Demand Release.

### 3.2.5 Water-Quality

The 1981 report by the IJC to Governments recommended:

*For the March to October period, the maximum flow-weighted concentrations should not exceed 3.5 milligrams per litre (mg/L) for boron and 1500 mg/L for TDS for any three consecutive months in the East Poplar River at the International Boundary. For the March to October period, the long-term average of flow-weighted concentrations should be 2.5 mg/L or less for boron, and 1000 mg/L or less for TDS in the East Poplar River at the International Boundary.*

For the period prior to 1982, three-month moving flow-weighted concentration (FWC) for boron and total dissolved solids (TDS) was calculated solely from monthly monitoring results. Since the beginning of 1982, the USGS has monitored specific conductance daily in the East Poplar River at the International boundary, making it possible to derive boron and TDS concentration using a linear regression relationship with specific conductance. Thus, the three-month FWC for boron and TDS for the period 1982 to 1999 was calculated from both the results of monthly monitoring (grab samples collected by both Canada and the USA) and the statistical analysis of daily specific conductance readings collected by the USGS.

The Bilateral Monitoring Committee adopted the approach that for the purpose of comparison with the proposed IJC long-term objectives, the boron and TDS data are best plotted as a five-year moving FWC which is advanced one month at a time.

Prior to 1988, long-term averages were calculated for a five-year period in which 2.5 years preceded and 2.5 years followed each plotted point. Beginning in 1988, the FWC was calculated from the five year period preceding each plotted point. For example, the FWC for December 1999 is calculated from data generated over the period December 1993 to December 1999. The calculations are based on the results of samples collected throughout the year, and are not restricted to only those collected during the months bracketing the period of irrigation (March to October) each year.

#### **3.2.5.1 Total Dissolved Solids**

TDS is inversely related to streamflow at the International Boundary station. During periods of high runoff such as spring freshet, TDS decreases as the proportion of streamflow derived from ground water decreases. Conversely, during times of low streamflow (late summer, winter) the contribution of ground water to streamflow is proportionally greater. Because ground water has a higher ionic strength than the surface water entering the river, the TDS of the stream increases markedly during low flow conditions.

TDS grab-sample data collected by Environment Canada and the USGS in 1999 are shown in Figure 3.4. The TDS ranged from 570 mg/L on March 30 to 1040 mg/L on December 20. The proposed short-term objective for TDS is 1500 mg/L. A time plot of the three-month moving FWC for TDS is presented in Figure 3.5.

Figure 3.4: TDS Concentration for 1999 Grab Samples from East Poplar River at the International Boundary

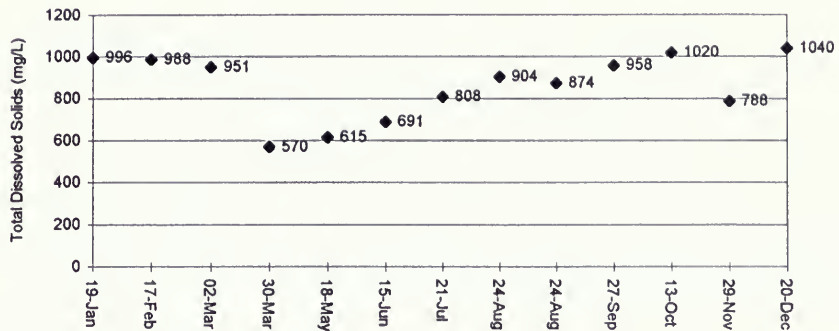
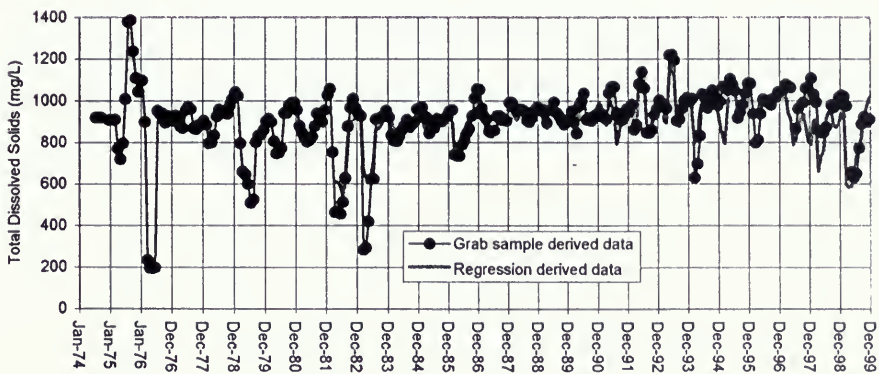


Figure 3.5: Three-Month Moving Flow-Weighted TDS Concentration for East Poplar River at the International Boundary



The total dissolved solids objective has not been exceeded during the period of record. On inspection of the plot, it is apparent that the three- month moving FWC has been increasing gradually, year by year, up until the spring runoff of 1997, when an exceptionally heavy snowmelt contributed sufficient water of low ionic strength to the river and the reservoir to dilute the accumulated salts built up in the system. Dissolved solids declined slightly in 1998 and remained lower in 1999.

The five-year moving FWC for TDS (Figure 3.6) did not exceed the long-term objective of 1000 mg/L in 1999. The maximum monthly value calculated in 1999 was just under 989 mg/L, which is less than the previous year maximum monthly value of 1014 mg/L.

The daily TDS values, as generated by linear regression from the daily specific conductance readings from 1989 to 1999 are shown in Figure 3.7. The data show an abrupt drop in TDS corresponding to the snowmelt runoff occurring during the spring of each year.

The relationship between TDS and specific conductance applied to data collected from 1975 to 1999 is as follows:

$$\text{TDS} = (0.626 \times \text{specific conductance}) + 31.542$$

$$(R^2 = 0.85, n = 555)$$

Figure 3.6: Five-Year Moving Flow-Weighted TDS Concentration for East Poplar River at the International Boundary

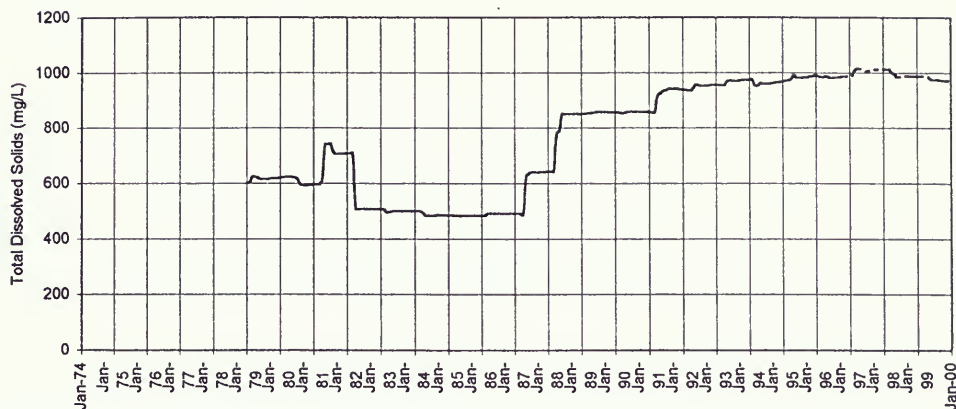
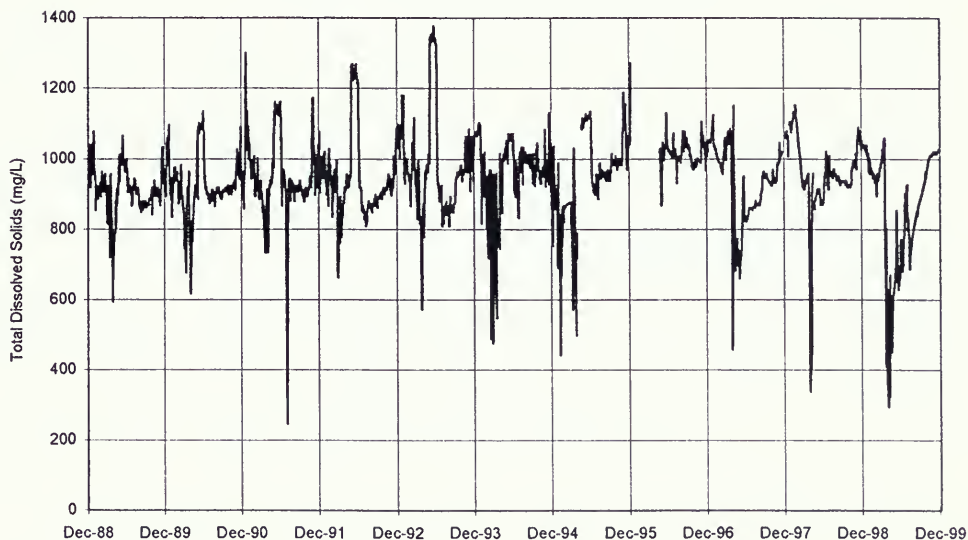


Figure 3.7: Daily TDS Concentration, 1989 to 1999; East Poplar River at the International Boundary (regression-derived data)



### 3.2.5.2 Boron

Figure 3.8 shows that during 1999, boron concentrations in the East Poplar River at the International Boundary varied from 0.90 (March 30 and May 18) to 1.86 mg/L (December 20).

The three-month moving FWC for boron for the period of record is shown in Figure 3.9. The short-term objective of 3.5 mg/L has not been exceeded over the period 1975 to 1999. It can be seen that the data derived from grab samples and that derived from regression with specific conductance are similar, with the highs and lows in some degree of correspondence. This suggests that the regression generation of boron and TDS values is, in general terms, a valid procedure despite problems which arise from attempting to generate representative concentration and flow data for an entire month, based on a limited number of samples.

The five-year moving FWC for boron displayed in Figure 3.10 remained well below the long-term objective of 2.5 mg/L. From mid-1993 to the end of the data period there is a distinct drop in the computed boron concentrations.

It is apparent that TDS is better-correlated with specific conductance than is boron. Boron is a relatively minor ion, and does not in itself contribute to a large degree to the total load of dissolved constituents in the water. Accordingly, it appears likely that the standard deviation of dissolved boron (relative to the long term mean boron concentration) in ground water discharge may be greater than that of the major cations (sodium, potassium, magnesium) and anions (sulphate, bicarbonate, and chloride) around their respective long-term mean concentrations. Daily boron concentrations for the period December 1988 to December 1999 are shown in Figure 3.11.

The relationship between boron and specific conductance at the East Poplar River sampling location during the period 1975 to 1999 is described by the equation:

$$\text{boron} = (0.0013 \times \text{specific conductance}) - 0.034$$

$$(R^2 = 0.58, n = 555)$$



Figure 3.8: Boron Concentration for 1999 Grab Samples from East Poplar River at the International Boundary

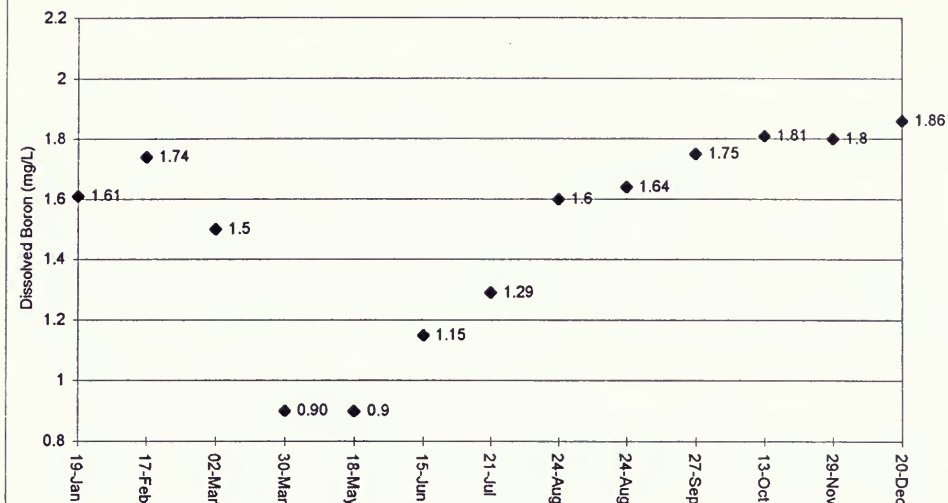


Figure 3.9: Three-Month Moving Flow-Weighted Boron Concentration for East Poplar River at the International Boundary

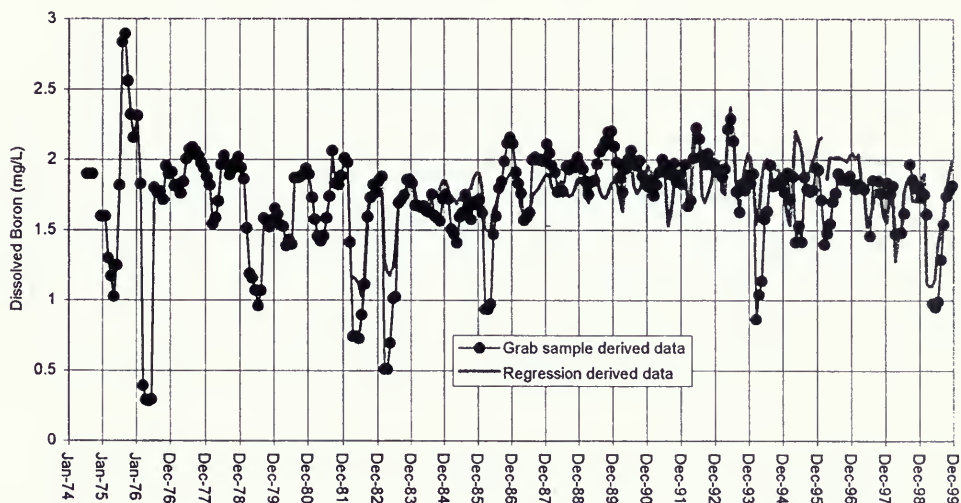


Figure 3.10: Five-Year Moving Flow-Weighted Boron Concentration for East Poplar River at the International Boundary

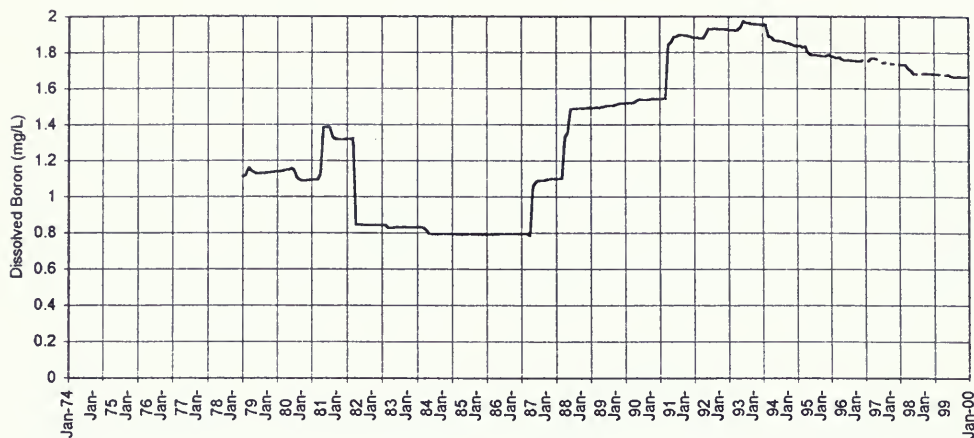
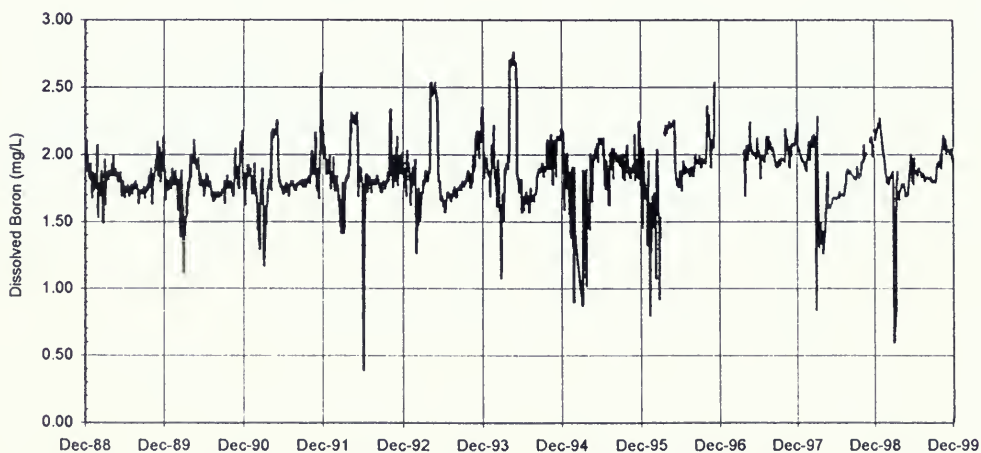


Figure 3.11: Daily Boron Concentration, 1989 to 1999; East Poplar River at the International Boundary (regression-derived data)



### 3.2.5.3 Other Water-Quality Variables

Table 3.1 contains the multipurpose water-quality objectives for the East Poplar River at the International Boundary, recommended by the International Poplar River Water Quality Board to the IJC. The table shows the number of samples collected for each parameter and the number of times over the course of the year that the objectives were exceeded. In the table, multiple replicate samples collected during the annual quality control exercise are treated as a single sample, but where an objective was exceeded in a replicate sample, this is charged against the single sample noted. As the table shows, all parameters were within the appropriate objectives, with the exception of dissolved oxygen which exceeded the objective once in January. Dissolved-oxygen concentration can be low during winter as a result of ice cover and during low-flow conditions in summer as a result of biological activity.

Table 3.1 Recommended Water-Quality Objectives and Excursions, 1999 Sampling Program, East Poplar River at the International Boundary (units in mg/L except as otherwise noted)

Parameter	Objective	No. of Samples		Excursions
		USA	Canada	
Objectives recommended by IJC to Governments				
Boron - dissolved	3.5/2.5 (1)	6	7	0
Total Dissolved Solids	1500/1000 (1)	6	7	0 Fig 3.5&3.6
Objectives recommended by Poplar River Board to the IJC				
Ammonia unionized (as N)	0.2	6	7	0
Cadmium - total	0.0012	2	7	0
Copper - total	1.0	2	7	0
Fluoride - dissolved	1.5	6	7	0
Lead - total	0.03	2	7	0
Mercury - total	0.0002	1	7	0
Nitrate (as N)	10.0	6	7	0
Oxygen - dissolved	4.0/5.0 (2)	6	7	1
Sodium absorption ratio	10.0	6	0	0
Sulphate - dissolved	800.0	6	7	0
Zinc - total	0.03	1	7	0
Water temperature (Celsius)	30.0 (3)	6	7	0
pH (pH units)	6.5 (4)	6	7	0
1. Three-month average of flow-weighted concentrations should be <3.5 mg/L boron and <1500 mg/L TDS. Five -year average of flow-weighted concentrations (March to October should be <2.5 mg/L boron and < 1000 mg/L TDS.				
2. 5.0 (minimum April 10 to May 15), 4.0 (minimum, remainder of the year)				
3. Natural temperature (April 10 to May 15), <30 degrees Celsius (remainder of the year)				
4. Less than 0.5 pH units above natural, minimum pH = 6.5				

### 3.3 GROUND-WATER

#### 3.3.1 OPERATIONS - Saskatchewan

SaskPower's supplementary supply continued to operate during 1999, with the majority of ground-water production occurring during the fall to spring period. This is a typical operational pattern for the project and is done to minimize water losses. Limited production occurs during the summer months in order to supply domestic users, including the Town of Coronach. In 1999, the project produced a total of 4,410 cubic decameters ( $\text{dam}^3$ ) of ground water. This is lower than the 1998 production of 5,006  $\text{dam}^3$  and the average 1991 to 1999 production rate of 5,279  $\text{dam}^3$  per year. Prior to 1990 the wells used for the supplementary supply were part of a dewatering network for coal mining operations, which resulted in the high production levels experienced in the early to mid 1980's. With the drought of the late 1980's and early 1990's it was evident that there was a continued need for ground water to supplement water levels in Cookson Reservoir. Consequently the wells were taken over by SaskPower for use as a supplementary supply. Figure 3.12 shows the historical pumpage volume since 1976.

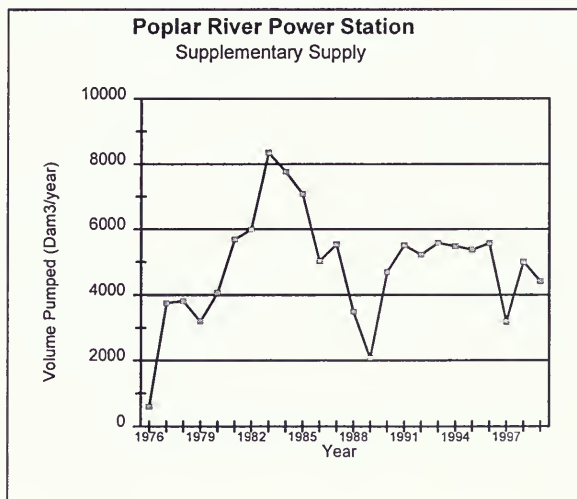


Figure 3.12 Supplementary Water Supply

SaskPower has an approval for the supplementary supply project to produce an annual volume of 5,500 dam<sup>3</sup>/year. This approval was extended by Sask Water in 1996. Future revisions to the approval will likely include conditions requiring termination of pumping (with the exception of wells supplying domestic users) when the reservoir is above a specified level. Sask Water is currently undertaking a hydrology study to determine the best reservoir level for a ground-water pumping cutoff. SaskPower's supplementary supply well network currently consists of 21 wells with a total of 10 discharge points. No wells were added to or deleted from the well field during the year.

In addition to the supplementary supply, SaskPower also operates what is known as the Soil Salinity Project, which is located south of Morrison Dam. The project was initiated in 1989 to alleviate soil salinity which had developed below the dam. The salinity project consists of a network of production wells which discharge into the cooling water canal, which in turn discharges to Cookson Reservoir. Operation of the salinity project continued in 1999 with production of 881.1 dam<sup>3</sup> of ground water. This was above the 1998 production level of 767.2 dam<sup>3</sup>, and slightly below the project's average annual production of 910 dam<sup>3</sup>/year from inception of the project in 1990 to 1998.

Approximately 71% of the total volume pumped came from wells PW87103 and PW87104 which are located on the east side of the river and most of the remainder (29%) was produced from PW90109 on the west side of the river. Figure 3.13 shows the pumpage volume from the Salinity Control Project.

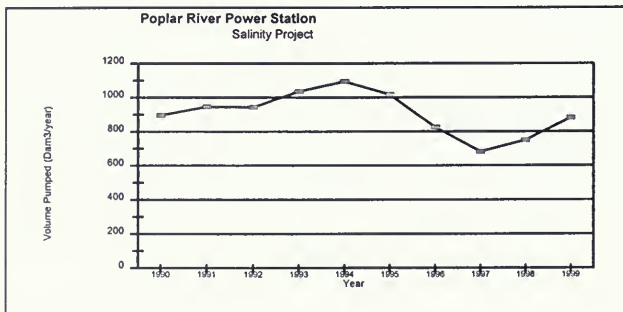


Figure 3.13 Pumpage from Salinity Control Project

### **3.3.2 Ground-Water Levels**

#### **3.3.2.1 Saskatchewan**

In 1996 nineteen new piezometers were installed in the Hart Coal Seam and a further eighteen piezometers from the Frenchmen aquifer testing program were added to the supplementary supply monitoring network that year. With these extensive additions, no new piezometers have been added to the monitoring network since that time. Currently, about 180 piezometers are monitored as part of this project. Figure 3.14 shows the December 1999 drawdowns of the Hart Coal Seam. There were no significant changes in the magnitude and extent of drawdowns from previous years. The one meter drawdown contour currently remains about two kilometers north of international boundary. There have not been significant changes in the cone of depression for the past several years suggesting that the system has approached a semi-equilibrium condition. However, minor drawdown fluctuations in response to climatic and production variations can be expected.

The goal of the Salinity Project is to lower ground-water levels in the Empress Sands below Morrison Dam to approximately pre-reservoir levels. This is equivalent to roughly two to three metres of drawdown, and was achieved by the end of 1995 and again by the end of 1996. However, reduced production over the past four years and increased recharge from higher reservoir levels and precipitation have led to a significant contraction in the project's cone of depression. One-meter drawdown cones are now restricted to the area around PW87103 and PW87104 on the east side of the river and the immediate vicinity of PW90109 on the west side. Figure 3.15 shows the December 1999 drawdowns.

Increased salinity in the project area has resulted in questions as to whether the current project design is sufficient to control salinity. SaskPower conducted a study of the salinity project which has provided recommendations for a long-term solution for the operation of the project. SaskPower expects to provide a recommended course of action in 2000.

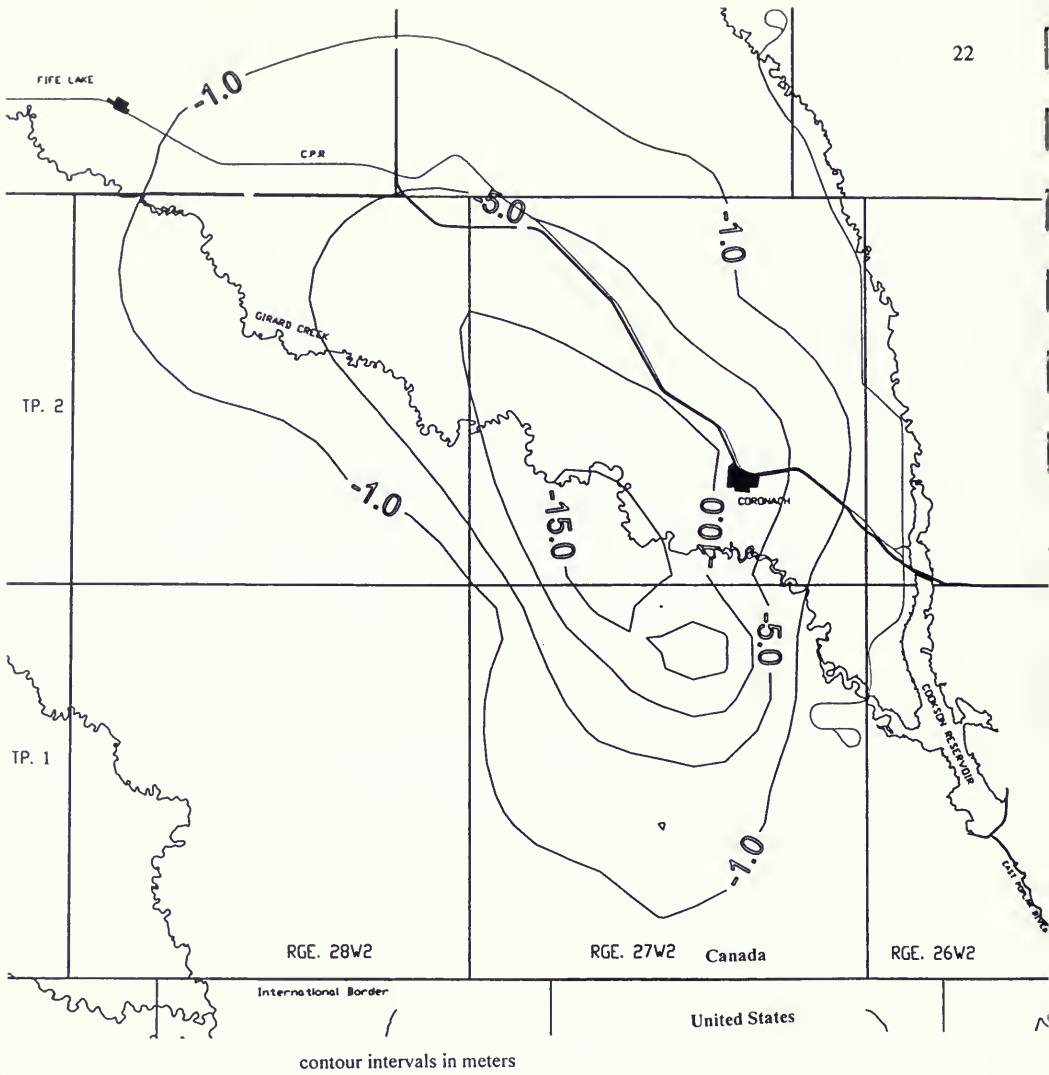


Figure 3.14 Drawdown for Hart Seam Aquifer as of December 1999



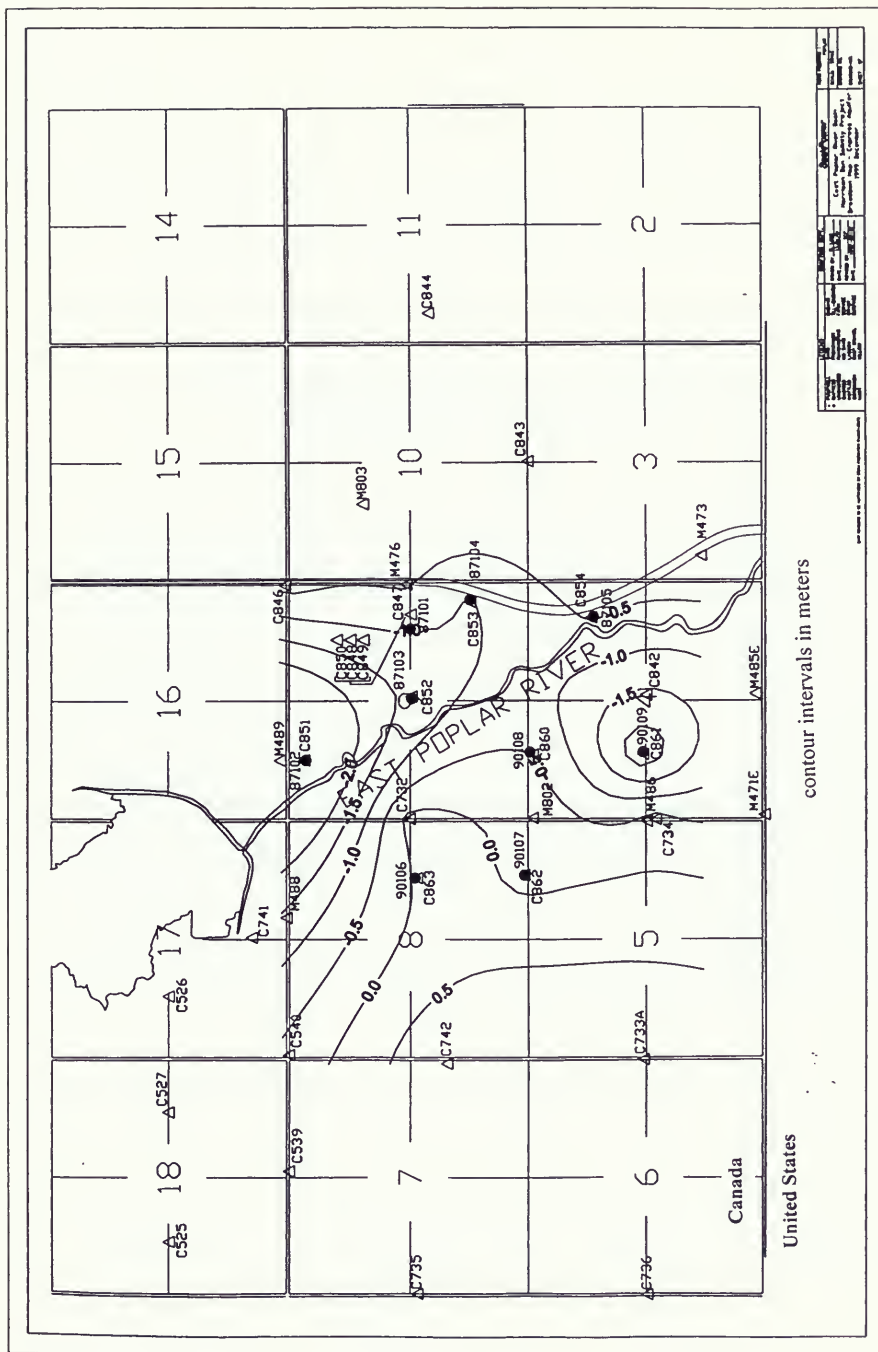


Figure 3.15 Cone of Depression in the Empress Sands Due to the Salinity Control Project as of December 1999

### 3.3.2.2 Montana

Water-levels in monitoring wells (6, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17, 19, and 22) that penetrate the Fort Union Formation and/or Hart Coal Seam were rising during 1997 and 1998, and have leveled off or dropped slightly during 1999. Hydrographs of selected Fort Union/Hart Coal wells (6, 7, 17, and 19) are shown in Figure 3.16.

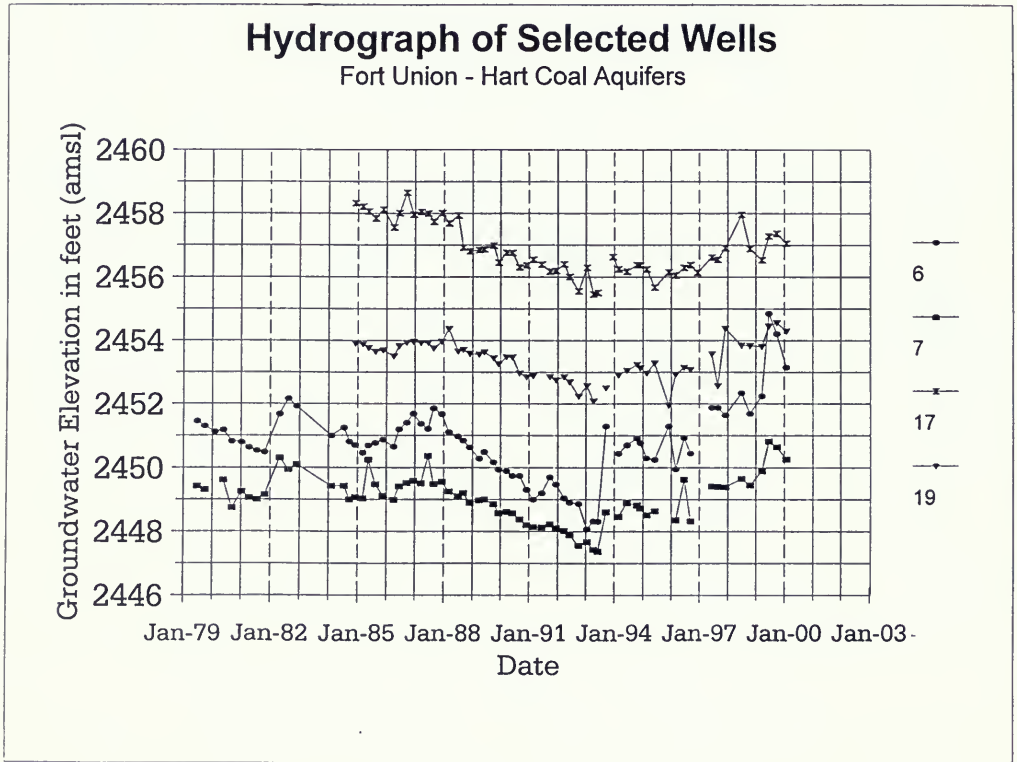


Figure 3.16 Hydrograph of Selected Wells - Fort Union-Hart Coal Aquifers

The potentiometric surface in the Fox Hills / Hell Creek artesian aquifer (well 11) has shown very little fluctuation or change throughout the 21 year (1979-1999) monitoring period.

Water levels in monitoring wells (5, 8, 10, 23, and 24) that penetrate the alluvial and / or outwash aquifer show considerable fluctuation due to seasonal and / or pumping changes; however, they rose during the period 1996 to 1998 and leveled off during 1999. Hydrographs of selected alluvial wells (10, 23, and 24) and Fox Hills well (11) are shown in Figure 3.17.

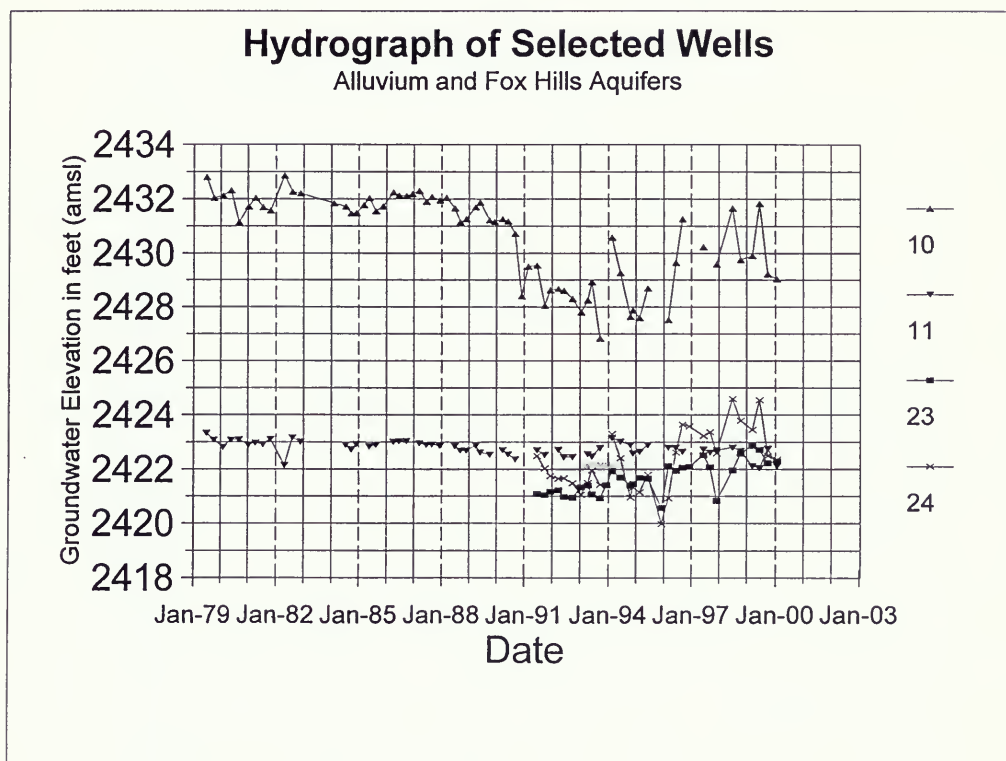


Figure 3.17 Hydrograph of Selected Wells - Alluvium and Fox Hills Aquifers

### 3.3.3 Ground-Water Quality

#### 3.3.3.1 Saskatchewan

The water quality from the Supplementary Supply Project discharge points has been consistent with no trends indicated. A summary of the more frequently tested parameters during 1999 is provided in Table 3.2. Statistical averages of the results since 1992 are included in this table.

**TABLE 3.2 Water-Quality Statistics for Water Pumped from  
Supplementary Water Supply Project Wells\***

	1992 to 1999 Average	1999 Average
pH (units)	7.5	7.2
Conductivity (ms/cm)	1417	1427
Total Dissolved Solids	971	998
Total Suspended Solids	2.1	6.4
Boron	1.6	1.8
Sodium	184	195
Cyanide (ug/L)	<2	<2
Iron	0.6	0.6
Manganese	0.2	0.2
Mercury (ug/L)	<0.1	<0.1
Calcium	82	84
Magnesium	52	52
Sulfate	240	222
Nitrate	0.22	0.367

All units mg/L unless otherwise noted. \*Sampled at Site "C3" on Girard Creek.

The water quality of the common discharge point from the Salinity Control Project wells is generally better than the water quality in Cookson Reservoir. The TDS concentration was larger at the discharge point than in the reservoir in 1999. Average results from the common discharge point for 1999, and the average of the 1992-1999 results are provided in Table 3.3. Results have remained relatively consistent since 1992.

**TABLE 3.3 Water-Quality Statistics for Water Pumped from Salinity Control Project Wells Sampled at the Discharge Pipe\***

	1992-1999 Average	1999 Average
pH (units)	7.4	7.4
Conductivity (ms/cm)	1418	1428
Total Dissolved Solids	976	1016
Boron	1.6	1.6
Calcium	103	114
Magnesium	60	66
Sodium	148	142
Potassium	7.4	7.4
Arsenic (ug/L)	6.8	0.2
Aluminum	0.07	0.04
Barium	0.03	0.02
Cadmium	<0.001	<0.001
Iron	4.2	3.8
Manganese	0.14	0.13
Molybdenum	0.002	0.005
Strontium	1.9	1.7
Vanadium	0.003	0.01
Uranium (ug/L)	<0.1	0.1
Mercury (ug/L)	0.12	N/A
Sulfate	318	329
Chloride	6.0	6.7
Nitrate	0.13	<0.003

\*All concentrations are mg/L unless otherwise noted.

Ground-water quality in the vicinity of the ash lagoons can potentially be affected by leachate movement through the ash lagoon liner systems. The piezometers listed in the Technical Monitoring Schedules are used to assess leachate movement and calculate seepage rates. Piezometric water level, boron and chloride are the chosen indicator parameters to assess leachate movement.

The ground-water monitoring program was expanded in 1994 as a result of Ash Lagoon #3 South construction. In total, 20 new pneumatic piezometers and 28 new standpipe piezometers were completed within their target zones. Testing of these piezometers began in 1995. The limited data so far do not show any unusual or unexpected values.

Piezometers C867A, C868A and C871A are completed immediately above the liner system, within the ash stack of Ash Lagoon #1. The 1999 monitoring results continue to suggest confirmation of the trend first observed in 1993 that the boron concentration decreases with depth within the ash stack. The effect of ash thickness on leachate quality is, however, not completely understood.

The chemistry of water immediately above the liner systems is therefore expected to differ from the chemistry of surface water in the lagoons. Meaningful information is only available from piezometers installed within Ash Lagoon #1 where ash has been deposited for many years. New piezometers C886A, C887A, C890A and C893A have been completed above the liner system of new Ash Lagoon #3 south and are now being monitored. Future monitoring of all piezometers completed above the lagoon liner systems will continue with the purpose of confirming the boron trend noted above and to improve the understanding of leachate quality and flow from the ash lagoons.

The piezometric surface measurements for the oxidized till continue to show the presence of a ground-water mound beneath the ash lagoons. The mound extends from the west side of the polishing pond to the east side of Ash Lagoon No. 2. Isolated ground-water mounds have developed within the area of the oxidized ground-water mound. Piezometers located in the oxidized till suggest limited leachate activity. No seepage activity is evident in the unoxidized till.

The greatest changes in chloride and boron concentrations within the oxidized till have occurred where piezometric levels have changed the most. Although increasing levels do not automatically suggest that the water affecting the piezometers is leachate, changing piezometric levels do suggest

ground-water movement. Oxidized till piezometers C868B and C869B located in the middle of the lagoons, between Ash Lagoon No.1 and No.2, have shown increased levels but no chemical information to suggest leachate influence. On the west side of the polishing pond, the boron levels have changed slightly in the oxidized till piezometers C728A and C728D, which is in sharp contrast to the chloride results.

The chloride level for C728A has decreased from 403 mg/l in 1983 to 247 mg/l in 1999, a decrease of 156 mg/l. The chloride level for C728D has increased, moving from 185 mg/l in 1983 to 421 mg/l in 1999. Although these piezometers are close in proximity and installed at the same level, they are being influenced by different water. Chloride results for C728A suggest initial seepage and it is to be expected that over time the same observation will be seen in C728D.

The piezometric surface of the Empress gravels indicates a regional flow from northwest to southeast below Morrison Dam. As a general observation, Empress piezometers respond to changing reservoir levels. Results for the Empress layer do not indicate obvious seepage activity with the majority of the analyses showing little real change in boron or chloride results.

Sand lens piezometers C712B, C766 and C767 are located between the polishing pond and the cooling water canal. C767 is located on the top of dyke G and C766 and C712B are located at the toe of dyke G. These piezometers have historically been of interest as the sand lens provides a preferential pathway for leachate migration of boron concentrations. C766 shows an increasing trend up to October 1988 with a peak of 43.0 mg/l in 1995 April. Since that time the boron levels have declined modestly and have remained stable between 25 to 35 mg/l.

Up to April 1988 the boron concentration for C767 was increasing and peaked at 49.4 mg/l. Since this peak, the boron concentration steadily decreased to the end of 1991 where the concentration levelled off near 5 mg/l and has since remained.

Piezometer C712B had been monitored for several years. Historically, boron levels have been below 1 mg/l. From 1992 to 1999 boron levels have remained steady around 20 mg/l. Up to 1992 April the boron trends for C712B and C766 looked very similar.



The total calculated seepage from the ash lagoons in 1999 was determined to be 1.70 litres per second. There has been little change in the individual seepage rate, or the vertical and horizontal components that make up the total seepage rates, from 1992. This was expected because there has been little change in the operating levels of the lagoons over the last several years.

### 3.3.3.2 Montana

Samples were collected from monitoring wells 7, 16, and 24 during 1999. Well 7 is completed in Hart Coal, well 16 is completed in the Fort Union Formation, and well 24 is completed in alluvium. No significant changes in TDS were observed in monitoring well 16. The TDS in the Hart Coal (well 7) and the alluvial aquifer (well 24), however, increased about 100 mg/L during the years 1996 through 1998, but decreased about 50-70 mg/L during 1999. Graphs of total dissolved solids for selected wells are shown in Figure 3.18.

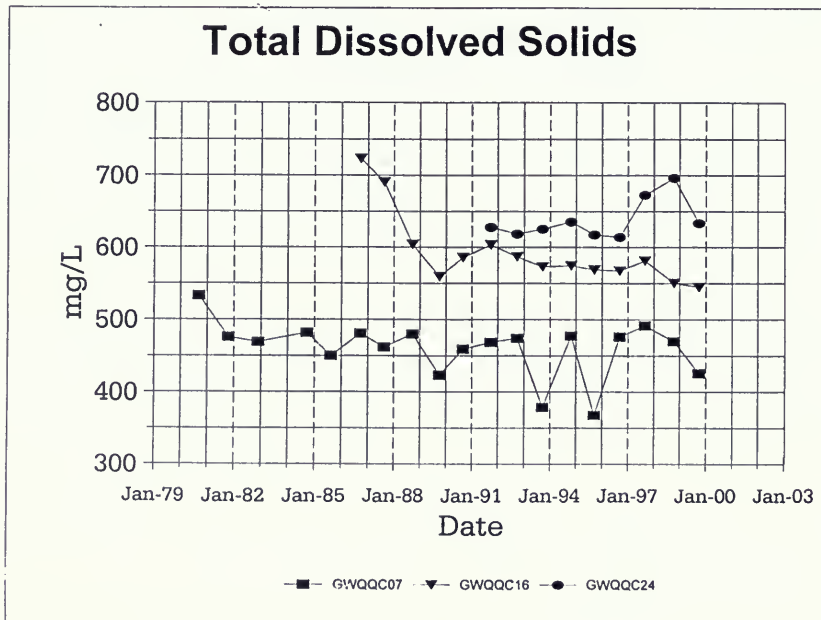


Figure 3.18 Total Dissolved Solids in Samples from Montana Wells.



### **3.4 Cookson Reservoir**

#### **3.4.1 Storage**

On January 1, 1999, Cookson Reservoir storage was 37 690 dam<sup>3</sup> or 85% of the full supply volume. The 1999 maximum, minimum, and period elevations and volumes are shown in Table 3.4. The reservoir filled above its Full Supply Level (FSL) in late March. Inflows into the reservoir maintained levels slightly above FSL throughout the spring and early summer time period. The spring spill from the reservoir was adequate to meet the recommended Polar River basin demand release for the 1998-1999 apportionment year. A small release was required from the reservoir during late summer, to help ensure Saskatchewan maintained the flows at the international boundary near the recommended apportionment target flow.

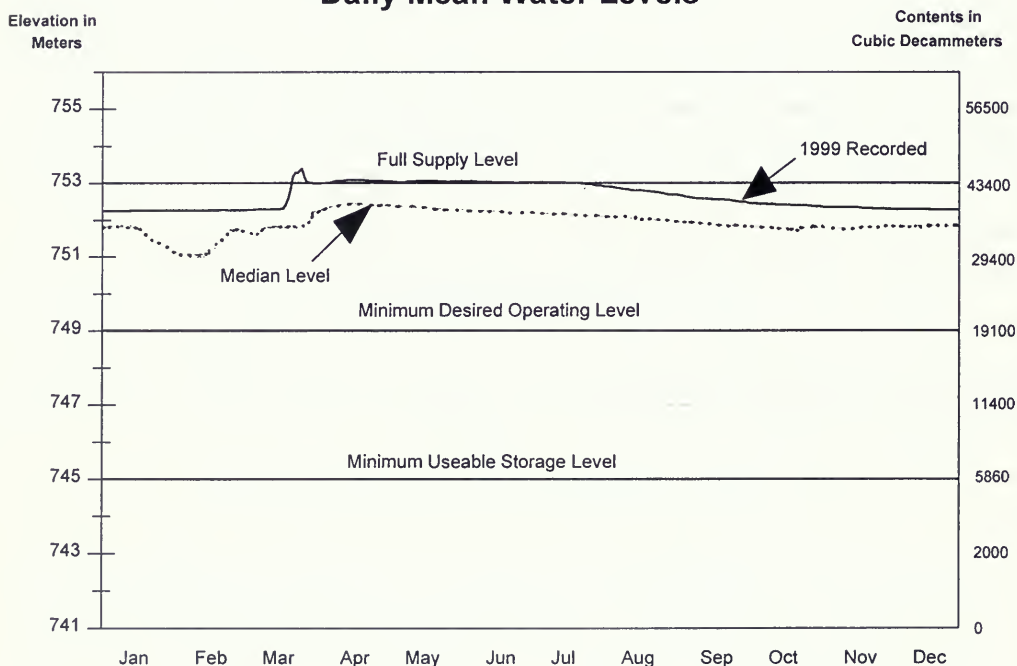
In addition to runoff, reservoir levels were augmented by ground-water pumping. Wells in the abandoned west block mine site supplied 4,410 dam<sup>3</sup> to Girard Creek in 1999. It is estimated that less than 70% of this flow volume reached Cookson Reservoir. Wells in the soil salinity project area supplied 881 dam<sup>3</sup> in 1999.

**Table 3.4 Cookson Reservoir Storage Statistics for 1999**

Date	Elevation (m)	Contents (dam <sup>3</sup> )
January 1 (Minimum)	752.24	37 690
March 27 (Maximum)	753.39	46 590
December 31	752.30	38 130
Full Supply Level	753.00	43 410

The Poplar River Power Station is dependent on water from Cookson Reservoir for cooling. Power plant operation is not adversely affected until reservoir levels drop below 749.0 metres. The dead storage level for cooling water used in the generation process is 745.0 metres. The 1999 recorded water levels and associated operating levels are shown in Figure 3.19.

### 1999 Cookson Reservoir Daily Mean Water Levels



**Figure 3.19** Cookson Reservoir Mean Daily Water Levels for 1999  
and Median Monthly Water levels 1981-1991

### **3.4.2 Water Quality**

The period from 1987 to 1993 saw very low volumes of surface water runoff to Cookson Reservoir. Consequently, total dissolved solids (TDS) in the reservoir increased steadily from about 780 mg/l to over 1800 mg/l. Since 1993, higher than normal runoff volumes have markedly improved reservoir water quality. Reservoir TDS levels have generally been less than 1000 mg/l since 1997. The average TDS in Cookson Reservoir in 1999 was 683 mg/l, the lowest it has been in over 10 years.

### **3.5 Air Quality**

SaskPower's ambient SO<sub>2</sub> monitoring for 1999 recorded no violations of SERM's hourly and 24-hour average standards at 0.17 and 0.06 ppm, respectively. Readings from the ambient sulfur dioxide monitor continue to be infrequent and of insignificant magnitude. The 1999 geometric mean for the high-volume suspended particulate sampler was 17.7 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and this is the seventh consecutive year of below average particulate readings.

### **3.6 Quality Control**

#### **3.6.1 Streamflow**

Current-meter discharge measurements were made at the East Poplar River at International Boundary site on July 19, 1999 by personnel from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and Environment Canada (EC) to confirm streamflow measurement comparability. Data from the two current-meter discharge measurements are shown in Table 3.5. The measured discharges were nearly identical and also compared very well with the theoretical discharge computation of 0.103 m<sup>3</sup>/s for the 90° V-notch weir.

**Table 3.5 Streamflow Measurement Results for July 19, 1999**

Agency	Time CST	Width (m)	Mean Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Velocity (m/s)	Gauge Height (m)	Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
EC	1205	3.3	0.373	0.26	1.664	0.097
USGS	1130	3.4	0.38	0.271	1.664	0.103

### 3.6.2 Water Quality

Quality control sampling was carried out at the East Poplar River at International Boundary on August 24, 1999. Participating agencies included the U.S. Geological Survey, Environment Canada, and SaskPower Corporation.

Sets of triplicate samples were split from U.S. Geological Survey sampling churns and submitted to the respective agency laboratories for analyses. Field procedures were identical to those used since 1986. Table 3.6 shows results of the joint water-quality measurements carried out on August 24, 1999.

Table 3.6 East Poplar Water-Quality Joint Measurement Results for August 24, 1999

AGENCY	ENVIRONMENT CANADA				USGS				SASK POWER CORP			
	1255	1315	1330		1255	1315	1330		1255	1315	1330	
Time (CST)												
Boron, diss, mg/L	1.56	1.60	1.62		1.64	1.64	1.61		1.49	1.51	1.52	
Total diss. Solids mg/L	893	908	902		874	870	860		960	936	940	
Ammonia, diss. (as N), mg/L	0.01	0.01	0.012		<0.02	<0.02	<0.02		----	----	----	
Cadmium, total, mg/L	0	0	0		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001		<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	
Copper, total, mg/L	0.0013	0.0013	0.0007		<0.001	0.001	<0.001		0.0035	0.0039	0.0038	
Flouride, diss., mg/L	0.34	0.33	0.34		0.3	0.3	0.3		0.32	0.32	0.32	
Lead, total, mg/L	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001		0	0	0	
Mercury, total, ug/L	0.005	0.005	0.005		<0.0001	----	----		<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	
Nitrate, diss. (as N), mg/L	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01		<0.05	<0.05	<0.05		0.056	<0.003	0.378	
Oxygen, diss., mg/L	9.56				8.1				9.6			
Sodium adsorption ratio	----	----	----		4	4	4		----	----	----	
Sulphate, diss., mg/L	268	270	270		270	270	270		257	258	251	
Zinc, total, mg/L	0.0022	0.0021	0.0017		<0.04	<0.04	<0.04		0.004	0.009	0.007	
Temperature, water, deg. C	20.3				21.5				19			
pH, field, standard units	8.04				8.3				8.26			

\* Total instead of dissolved.



ANNEX 1

POPLAR RIVER

COOPERATIVE MONITORING ARRANGEMENT

CANADA-UNITED STATES





## POPLAR RIVER COOPERATIVE MONITORING ARRANGEMENT

### I. PURPOSE

This Arrangement will provide for the exchange of data collected as described in the attached Technical Monitoring Schedules in water-quality, water quantity and air quality monitoring programs being conducted in Canada and the United States at or near the International Boundary in response to SaskPower development. This Arrangement will also provide for the dissemination of the data in each country and will assure its comparability and assist in its technical interpretation.

The Arrangement will replace and expand upon the quarterly information exchange program instituted between Canada and the United States in 1976.

### II. PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS

Governments and government agencies participating in the Arrangement are:

Government of Canada: Environment Canada

Government of the Province of Saskatchewan:

Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management

Government of the United States of America: United States Geological Survey

Government of the State of Montana: Executive Office

### III. POPLAR RIVER MONITORING COMMITTEE: TERMS OF REFERENCE

A binational committee called the Poplar River Bilateral Monitoring Committee will be established to carry out responsibilities assigned to it under this Arrangement. The Committee will operate in accordance with the following terms of reference:

A. Membership

The Committee will be composed of four representatives, one from each of the participating Governments. It will be jointly chaired by the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States. There will be a Canadian Section and a United States Section. The participating Governments will notify each other of any changes in membership on the Committee. Co-chairpersons may by mutual agreement invite agency technical experts to participate in the work of the Committee.

The Governor of the State of Montana may also appoint a chief elective official of local government to participate as an ex-officio member of the Committee in its technical deliberations. The Saskatchewan Minister of the Environment may also appoint a similar local representative.

B. Functions of the Committee

The role of the Committee will be to fulfil the purpose of the Arrangement by ensuring the exchange of monitored data in accordance with the attached Technical Monitoring Schedules, and its collation and technical interpretation in reports to Governments on implementation of the Arrangement. In addition, the Committee will review the existing monitoring systems to ensure their adequacy and may recommend to the Canadian and United States Governments any modifications to improve the Technical Monitoring Schedules.

1. Information Exchange

Each Co-chairperson will be responsible for transmitting to his counterpart Co-chairperson on a regular, and not less than quarterly basis, the data provided by the cooperative monitoring agencies in accordance with the Technical Monitoring Schedules.

## 2. Reports

- (a) The Committee will prepare a joint Annual Report to the participating governments, and may at any time prepare joint Special Reports.
- (b) Annual Reports will
  - i) summarize the main activities of the Committee in the year under Report and the data which has been exchanged under the Arrangement;
  - ii) draw to the attention of the participating governments any definitive changes in the monitored parameters, based on collation and technical interpretation of exchanged data (i.e. the utilization of summary, statistical and other appropriate techniques);
  - iii) draw to the attention of the participating governments any recommendations regarding the adequacy or redundancy of any scheduled monitoring operations and any proposals regarding modifications to the Technical Monitoring Schedules, based on a continuing review of the monitoring programs including analytical methods to ensure their comparability.
- (c) Special Reports may, at any time, draw to the attention of participating governments definitive changes in monitored parameters which may require immediate attention.
- (d) Preparation of Reports

Reports will be prepared following consultation with all committee members and will be signed by all Committee members. Reports will be separately forwarded by the Committee Co-chairmen to the participating governments. All annual and special reports will be so distributed.

### 3. Activities of Canadian and United States Sections

The Canadian and United States section will be separately responsible for:

- (a) dissemination of information within their respective countries, and the arrangement of any discussion required with local elected officials;
- (b) verification that monitoring operations are being carried out in accordance with the Technical Monitoring Schedules by cooperating monitoring agencies;
- (c) receipt and collation of monitored data generated by the cooperating monitoring agencies in their respective countries as specified in the Technical Monitoring Schedules;
- (d) if necessary, drawing to the attention of the appropriate government in their respective countries any failure to comply with a scheduled monitoring function on the part of any cooperating agency under the jurisdiction of that government, and requesting that appropriate corrective action be taken.

### IV. PROVISION OF DATA

In order to ensure that the Committee is able to carry out the terms of this Arrangement, the participating governments will use their best efforts to have cooperating monitoring agencies, in their respective jurisdictions provide on an ongoing basis all scheduled monitored data for which they are responsible.

### V. TERMS OF THE ARRANGEMENT

The Arrangement will be effective for an initial term of five years and may be amended by agreement of the participating governments. It will be subject to review at the end of the initial term and will be renewed thereafter for as long as it is required by the participating governments.

ANNEX 2

POPLAR RIVER

COOPERATIVE MONITORING ARRANGEMENT

TECHNICAL MONITORING SCHEDULES

1999

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## PREAMBLE

The Technical Monitoring Schedule lists those water quantity, water-quality and air quality monitoring locations and parameters which form the basis for information exchange and reporting to Governments. The structure of the Committee responsible for ensuring the exchange takes place is described in the Poplar River Cooperative Monitoring Arrangement.

The monitoring locations and parameters listed herein have been reviewed by the Poplar River Bilateral Monitoring committee and represent the basic technical information needed to identify any definitive changes in water quantity, water-quality and air quality at the International Boundary. The Schedule was initially submitted to Governments for approval as an attachment to the 1981 report Governments. Changes in the sampling locations and parameters may be made by Governments based on the recommendations of the committee.

Significant additional information is being collected by agencies on both sides of the International Boundary, primarily for project management or basin-wide baseline data purposes. This additional information is usually available upon request from the collecting agency and forms part of the pool of technical information which may be drawn upon by Governments for specific study purposes. Examples of additional information are water quantity, water-quality, ground-water and air quality data collected at points in the Poplar River basin not of direct concern to the Committee. In addition, supplemental information on parameters such as vegetation, soils, fish and waterfowl populations and aquatic vegetation is also being collected on either a routine or specific studies basis by various agencies.



POPLAR RIVER

COOPERATIVE MONITORING ARRANGEMENT

TECHNICAL MONITORING SCHEDULES

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CANADA



## STREAMFLOW MONITORING

Responsible Agency: Environment Canada

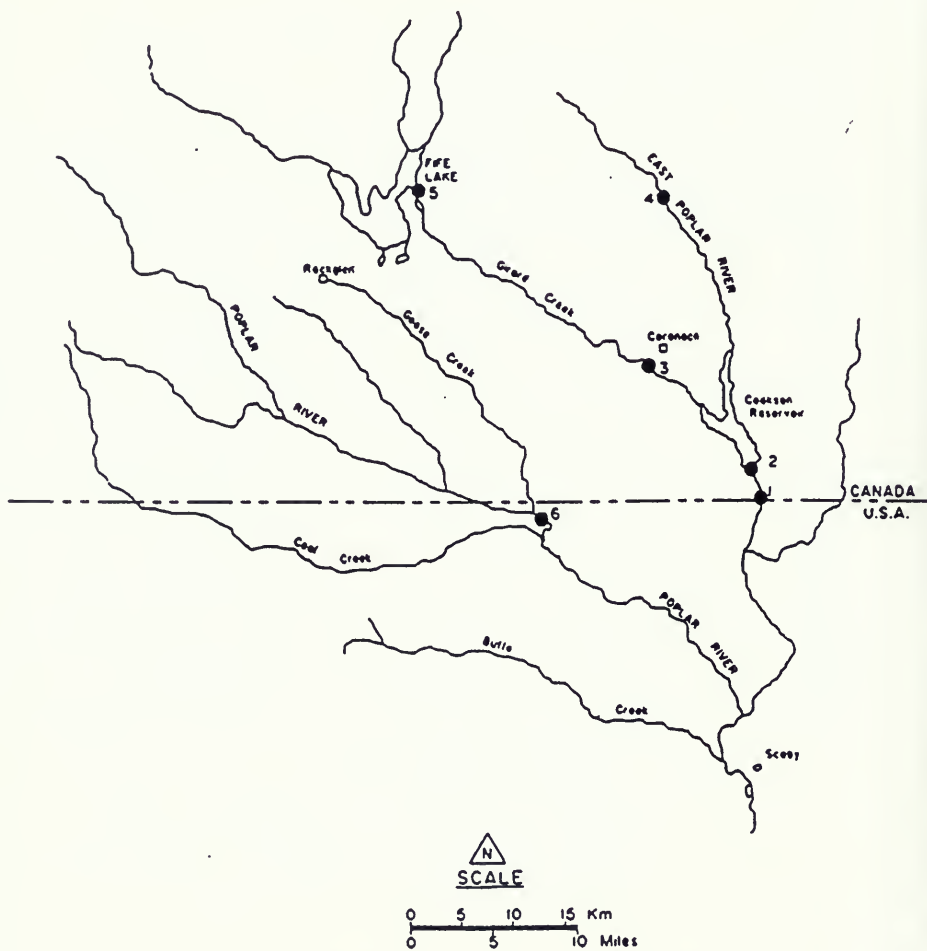
Daily mean discharge or levels and instantaneous monthly extremes as normally published in surface water data publications.

No. on Map	Station No.	Station Name
*1	11AE003 (06178500)	East Poplar River at International Boundary
2	***11AE013	Cookson Reservoir near Coronach
3	***11AE015	Girard Creek near Coronach Cookson Reservoir
4	***11AE014	East Poplar River above Cookson Reservoir
5		**Fife Lake Overflow
*6	11AE008 (06178000)	Poplar River at International Boundary

\* - International gauging station

\*\* - Miscellaneous measurements of outflow to be made by  
Sask Water during periods of outflow only.

\*\*\* - Sask Water took over the monitoring responsibility effective July 1/92.



HYDROMETRIC GAUGING STATIONS (CANADA)

## SURFACE-WATER-QUALITY

### Sampling Locations

Responsible Agency: Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management*		
No. on Map	Station No.	Station Name
1	7904	Fife Lake Overflow
2	12412 Discontinued	Girard Creek at Coronach Reservoir Outflow
3	12377 Discontinued	Upper End of Cookson Reservoir at Highway 36
4	12368	Cookson Reservoir near Dam
5	12386 Discontinued	East Poplar River at Culvert Immediately Below Cookson Reservoir

\* Data collected by SaskPower

Responsible Agency: Environment Canada		
No. on Map	Station No.	Station Name
6	00SA11AE0008	East Poplar River at International Boundary

# PARAMETERS

Responsible Agency: Environment Canada			
NAQUADAT* Code	Parameter	Analytical Method	Sampling Frequency Station No. 6
10151	Alkalinity-phenolphthalein	Potentiometric Titration	BM
10111	Alkalinity-total	Potentiometric Titration	BM
13102	Aluminum-dissolved	AA-Direct	BM
13302	Aluminum-extracted	AA-Direct	BM
07570	Ammonia-free	Calculated	BM
07540	Ammonia-total	Automated Colourimetric	BM
33108	Arsenic-dissolved	ICAP-hydride	BM
56001	Barium-total	AA-Direct	BM
06201	Bicarbonates	Calculated	BM
05211	Boron-dissolved	ICAP	BM
96360	Bromoxynil	Gas Chromatography	BM
48002	Cadmium-total	AA Solvent Extraction	BM
20103	Calcium	AA-Direct	BM
06104	Carbon-dissolved organic	Automated IR Detection	BM
06901	Carbon-particulate	Elemental Analyzer	BM
06002	Carbon-total organic	Calculated	BM
06301	Carbonates	Calculated	BM
17206	Chloride	Automated Colourimetric	BM
06717	Chlorophyll a	Spectrophotometric	BM
24003	Chromium-total	AA-Solvent Extraction	BM
27002	Cobalt-total	AA-Solvent Extraction	BM
36012	Coliform-fecal	Membrane Filtration	BM
36002	Coliform-total	Membrane Filtration	BM
02021	Colour	Comparator	BM
02041	Conductivity	Wheatstone Bridge	BM
29005	Copper-total	AA-Solvent Extraction	BM
06610	Cyanide	Automated UV-Colourimetric	BM
09117	Fluoride-dissolved	Electrometric	BM
06401	Free Carbon Dioxide	Calculated	BM
10602	Hardness	Calculated	BM
17811	Hexachlorobenzene	Gas Chromatography	BM
08501	Hydroxide	Calculated	BM
26104	Iron-dissolved	AA-Direct	BM
82002	Lead-total	AA-Solvent Extraction	BM
12102	Magnesium	AA-Direct	BM
25104	Manganese-dissolved	AA-Direct	BM
80011	Mercury-total	Flameless AA	BM
07901	N-particulate	Elemental Analyzer	BM
07651	N-total dissolved	Automated UV Colourimetric	BM
10401	NFR	Gravimetric	BM
28002	Nickel-total	AA-Solvent Extraction	BM
07110	Nitrate/Nitrite	Colourimetric	BM
07603	Nitrogen-total	Calculated	BM
10650	Non-Carbonate Hardness	Calculated	BM
18XXX	Organo Chlorines	Gas Chromatography	BM
08101	Oxygen-dissolved	Winkler	BM
15901	P-particulate	Calculated	BM
15465	P-total dissolved	Automated Colourimetric	BM
185XX	Phenoxy Herbicides	Gas Chromatography	BM
15423	Phosphorus-total	Colourimetric (TRAACS)	BM
19103	Potassium	Flame Emission	BM
11250	Percent Sodium	Calculated	BM
00210	Saturation Index	Calculated	BM
34108	Selenium-dissolved	ICAP-hydride	BM
14108	Silica	Automated Colourimetric	BM
11103	Sodium	Flame Emission	BM
00211	Stability Index	Calculated	BM
16306	Sulphate	Automated Colourimetric	BM
00201	TDS	Calculated	BM
02061	Temperature	Digital Thermometer	BM
02073	Turbidity	Nephelometry	BM
23002	Vanadium-total	AA-Solvent Extraction	BM
30005	Zinc-total	AA-Solvent Extraction	BM
10301	pH	Electrometric	BM
92111	Uranium	Fluorimetric	MC

\* - Computer Storage and Retrieval System -- Environment Canada

AA - Atomic Absorption

IR - Infrared

UV - Ultraviolet

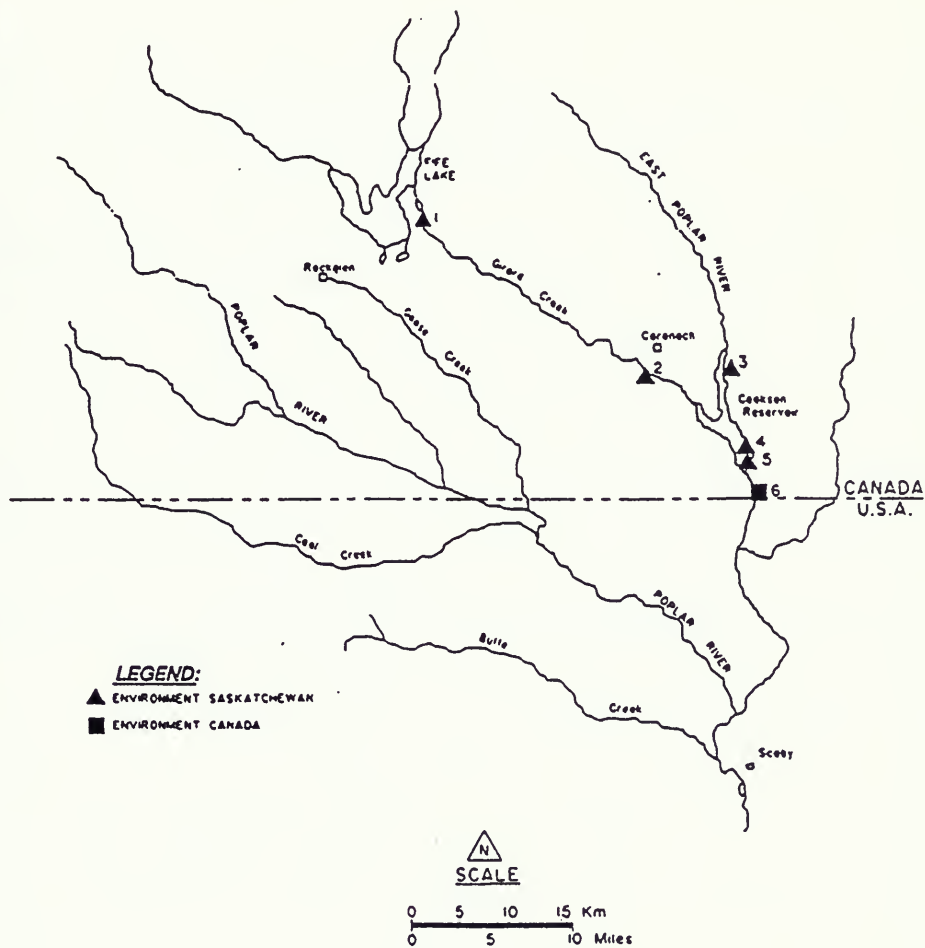
NFR - Nonfilterable Residue

MC - Monthly Composite

BM - Bimonthly (Alternate months sampled by U.S.G.S.)

ICAP - Inductively Coupled Argon Plasma.



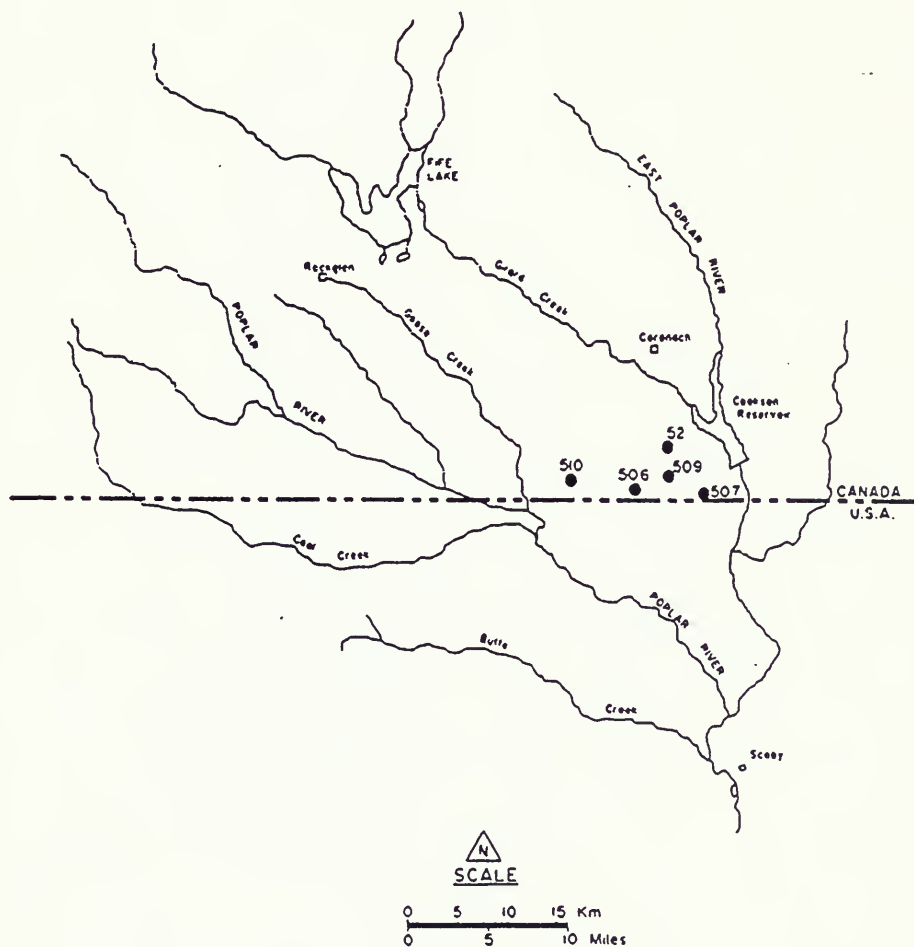


SURFACE-WATER-QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS (CANADA)

**GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETERS TO MONITOR POTENTIAL DRAWDOWN  
DUE TO COAL SEAM DEWATERING NEAR THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY**

Responsible Agency: Sask Water*			
Measurement Frequency: Quarterly			
Piezometer Number	Location	Tip of Screen Elevation (m)	Perforation Zone (depth in metres)
52	NW 14-1-27 W3	738.43	43 - 49 (in coal)
506A	SW 4-1-27 W3	748.27	81 - 82 (in coal)
507	SW 6-1-26 W3	725.27	34 - 35 (in coal)
509	NW 11-1-27 W3	725.82	76 - 77 (in coal)
510	NW 1-1-28 W3	769.34	28 - 29 (in layered coal and clay)

\* Data Collected by: SaskPower



GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETERS TO MONITOR POTENTIAL  
DRAWDOWN DUE TO COAL SEAM DEWATERING

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING - POPLAR RIVER  
POWER STATION AREA

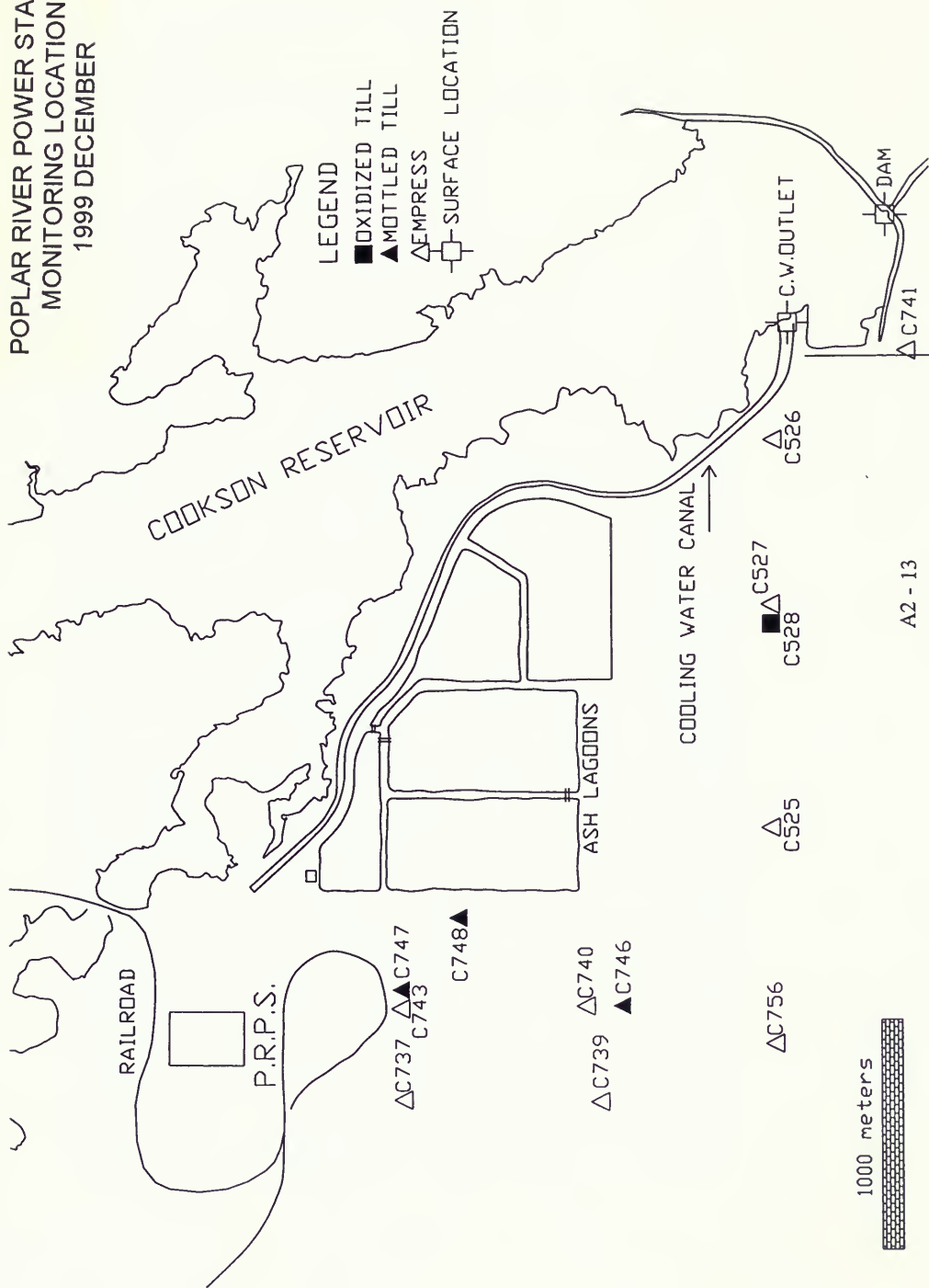
SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C525	Empress
C526	Empress
C527	Empress
C528	Oxidized
C539	Empress
C540	Empress
C737	Empress
C739	Empress
C740	Empress
C741	Empress
C743	Empress
C746	Mottled Till
C747	Mottled Till
C748	Mottled Till
C756	Empress

water levels measured quarterly

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C739	Empress

samples collected annually

POPLAR RIVER POWER STATION  
MONITORING LOCATIONS  
1999 DECEMBER



GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING—  
ASH LAGOON AREA--WATER LEVEL

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C529	Empress
C532	Empress
C533	Empress
C534	Oxidized Till
C535	Empress
C536	Empress
C537	Empress
C538	Empress
C542	Empress
C653A	Unoxidized Till
C654	Unoxidized Till
C655A	Unoxidized Till
C655B	Unoxidized Till
C711	Oxidized Till
C712A	Unoxidized Till
C712B	Intra Till Sand
C712C	Mottled Till
C712D	Oxidized till
C713E	Oxidized Till
C714A	Unoxidized Till
C714B	Mottled Till
C714C	Oxidized Till

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING—  
ASH LAGOON AREA--WATER LEVEL (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C714D	Oxidized Till
C714	Empress
C715	Oxidized Till
C716	Oxidized Till
C717	Oxidized Till
C718	Mottled Till
C719	Oxidized Till
C720	Oxidized Till
C721	Oxidized Till
C722	Oxidized Till
C723	Oxidized Till
C724	Mottled Till
C725	Oxidized Till
C726A	Oxidized Till
C726B	Mottled Till
C726C	Oxidized Till
C726D	Empress
C727A	Unoxidized Till
C727B	Mottled Till
C727C	Oxidized Till
C728A	Oxidized Till
C728B	Unoxidized Till

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING—  
ASH LAGOON AREA--WATER LEVEL (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C728C	Mottled Till
C728D	Oxidized Till
C728	Empress
C731	Empress
C732	Empress
C733	Empress
C734	Empress
C742	Empress
C745	Oxidized Till
C749	Mottled Till
C750	Unoxidized Till
C751	Unoxidized Till
C752	Unoxidized Till
C753	Oxidized Till
C757	Unoxidized Till
C758	Intra Till Sand
C763A	Mottled Till
C763B	Oxidized Till
C763C	Mottled Till
C763D	Unoxidized Till
C763A	Empress
C764B	Mottled Till



GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING—  
ASH LAGOON AREA--WATER LEVEL (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C764C	Oxidized Till
C764D	Unoxidized Till
C764E	Empress
C765A	Empress
C765B	Unoxidized Till
C765C	Oxidized Till
C765D	Oxidized Till
C765E	Mottled Till
C766A	Empress
C766	Intra Till Sand
C767A	Empress
C767B	Unoxidized Till
C767	Intra Till Sand
C768A	Empress
C768B	Unoxidized Till
C768C	Oxidized Till
C775A	Oxidized Till
C775C	Unoxidized Till
C776A	Oxidized Till
C776B	Oxidized Till
C867A	Ash Stack- Ash Lagoon #1
C867B	Oxidized Till

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING—  
ASH LAGOON AREA--WATER LEVEL (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C867C	Unoxidized Till
C868A	Ash Stack- Ash Lagoon #1
C868B	Oxidized Till
C868C	Unoxidized Till
C869B	Oxidized Till
C869C	Unoxidized Till
C870E	Empress
C871A	Ash Stack- Ash Lagoon #1
C871B	Oxidized Till
C871C	Unoxidized Till
C872B	Oxidized Till
C872C	Unoxidized Till
C873E	Empress
C885B	Oxidized Till
C885C	Oxidized Till
C885D	Unoxidized Till
C885E	Empress
C886A	Ash Stack - Ash Lagoon #3 South
C886B	Oxidized Till
C886C	Oxidized Till
C886D	Unoxidized Till
C886E	Empress

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING—  
ASH LAGOON AREA--WATER LEVEL (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C887A	Ash Stack - Ash Lagoon #3 South
C887B	Oxidized Till
C887C	Oxidized Till
C887D	Unoxidized Till
C887E	Empress
C888B	Oxidized Till
C888C	Oxidized Till
C888D	Unoxidized Till
C888E	Empress
C889B	Oxidized Till
C889C	Oxidized Till
C889D	Unoxidized Till
C889E	Empress
C890A	Ash Stack - Ash Lagoon #3 South
C890B	Oxidized Till
C890C	Oxidized Till
C890D	Unoxidized Till
C890E	Empress
C891B	Oxidized Till
C891C	Oxidized Till
C891D	Unoxidized Till
C891E	Empress

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING—  
ASH LAGOON AREA--WATER LEVEL (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C892B	Oxidized Till
C892C	Oxidized Till
C892D	Unoxidized Till
C892C	Empress
C893A	Ash Stack - Ash Lagoon #3 South
C893B	Oxidized Till
C893C	Oxidized Till
C893D	Unoxidized Till
C893E	Empress
C894B	Oxidized Till
C894C	Oxidized Till
C894D	Unoxidized Till
C894E	Empress
C895B	Oxidized Till
C895C	Oxidized Till
C895D	Unoxidized Till
C895E	Empress

Water levels measured quarterly

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING--  
ASH LAGOON AREA - QUALITY

Responsible Agency: SERM

Data Collected by: SaskPower

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C529	Empress
C532	Empress
C533	Empress
C534	Oxidized Till
C535	Empress
C536	Empress
C537	Empress
C538	Empress
C542	Empress
C653A	Unoxidized Till
C654	Unoxidized Till
C655A	Unoxidized Till
C655B	Unoxidized Till
C711	Oxidized Till
C712A	Unoxidized Till
C712B	Intra Till Sand
C712C	Mottled Till
C712D	Oxidized till
C713	Oxidized Till
C714A	Unoxidized Till
C714B	Mottled Till

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING-  
ASH LAGOON AREA - QUALITY (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C714C	Oxidized Till
C714D	Oxidized Till
C714E	Empress
C715	Oxidized Till
C716	Oxidized Till
C717	Oxidized Till
C718	Mottled Till
C719	Oxidized Till
C720	Oxidized Till
C721	Oxidized Till
C722	Oxidized Till
C723	Oxidized Till
C724	Mottled Till
C725	Oxidized Till
C726A	Oxidized Till
C726B	Mottled Till
C726C	Oxidized Till
C726E	Empress
C727A	Unoxidized Till
C727B	Mottled Till
C727C	Oxidized Till

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING-  
ASH LAGOON AREA - QUALITY (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C728A	Oxidized Till
C728B	Unoxidized Till
C728C	Mottled Till
C728D	Oxidized Till
C728E	Empress
C731	Empress
C732	Empress
C733	Empress
C734	Empress
C742	Empress
C745	Oxidized Till
C749	Mottled Till
C750	Unoxidized Till
C751	Unoxidized Till
C752	Unoxidized Till
C753	Oxidized Till
C757	Unoxidized Till
C758	Intra Till Sand
C763A	Mottled Till
C763B	Oxidized Till
C763C	Mottled Till

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING-  
ASH LAGOON AREA - QUALITY (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C763D	Unoxidized Till
C763E	Empress
C764B	Mottled Till
C764C	Oxidized Till
C764D	Unoxidized Till
C764E	Empress
C765A	Empress
C765B	Unoxidized Till
C765C	Oxidized Till
C765D	Oxidized Till
C765E	Mottled Till
C766A	Empress
C766B	Intra Till Sand
C767A	Empress
C767B	Unoxidized Till
C767C	Intra Till Sand
C768A	Empress
C768B	Unoxidized Till
C768C	Oxidized Till
C775A	Oxidized Till
C775C	Unoxidized Till



GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING--  
ASH LAGOON AREA - QUALITY (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C776A	Oxidized Till
C776B	Oxidized Till
C867B	Oxidized Till
C867C	Unoxidized Till
C868B	Oxidized Till
C868C	Unoxidized Till
C869B	Oxidized Till
C869C	Unoxidized Till
C870A	Empress
C871B	Oxidized Till
C871C	Unoxidized Till
C872B	Oxidized Till
C872C	Unoxidized Till
C873A	Empress
C885B	Oxidized Till
C885C	Oxidized Till
C885D	Unoxidized Till
C885E	Empress
C886A	Ash Stack
C886B	Oxidized Till
C886C	Oxidized Till

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING--  
ASH LAGOON AREA - QUALITY (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C886D	Unoxidized Till
C886E	Empress
C887B	Oxidized Till
C887C	Oxidized Till
C887D	Unoxidized Till
C887E	Empress
C888B	Oxidized Till
C888C	Oxidized Till
C888D	Unoxidized Till
C888E	Empress
C889B	Oxidized Till
C889C	Oxidized Till
C889D	Unoxidized Till
C889E	Empress
C890B	Oxidized Till
C890C	Oxidized Till
C890D	Unoxidized Till
C890E	Empress
C891B	Oxidized Till
891C	Oxidized Till
C891D	Unoxidized Till

GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETER MONITORING--  
ASH LAGOON AREA - QUALITY (Continued)

SPC Piezometer Number	Completion Formation
C891E	Empress
C892B	Oxidized Till
C892C	Oxidized Till
C892D	Unoxidized Till
C892C	Empress
C893B	Oxidized Till
C893C	Oxidized Till
C893D	Unoxidized Till
C893E	Empress
C894B	Oxidized Till
C894C	Oxidized Till
C894D	Unoxidized Till
C894E	Empress
C895B	Oxidized Till
C895C	Oxidized Till
C895D	Unoxidized Till
C895E	Empress

Samples collected annually

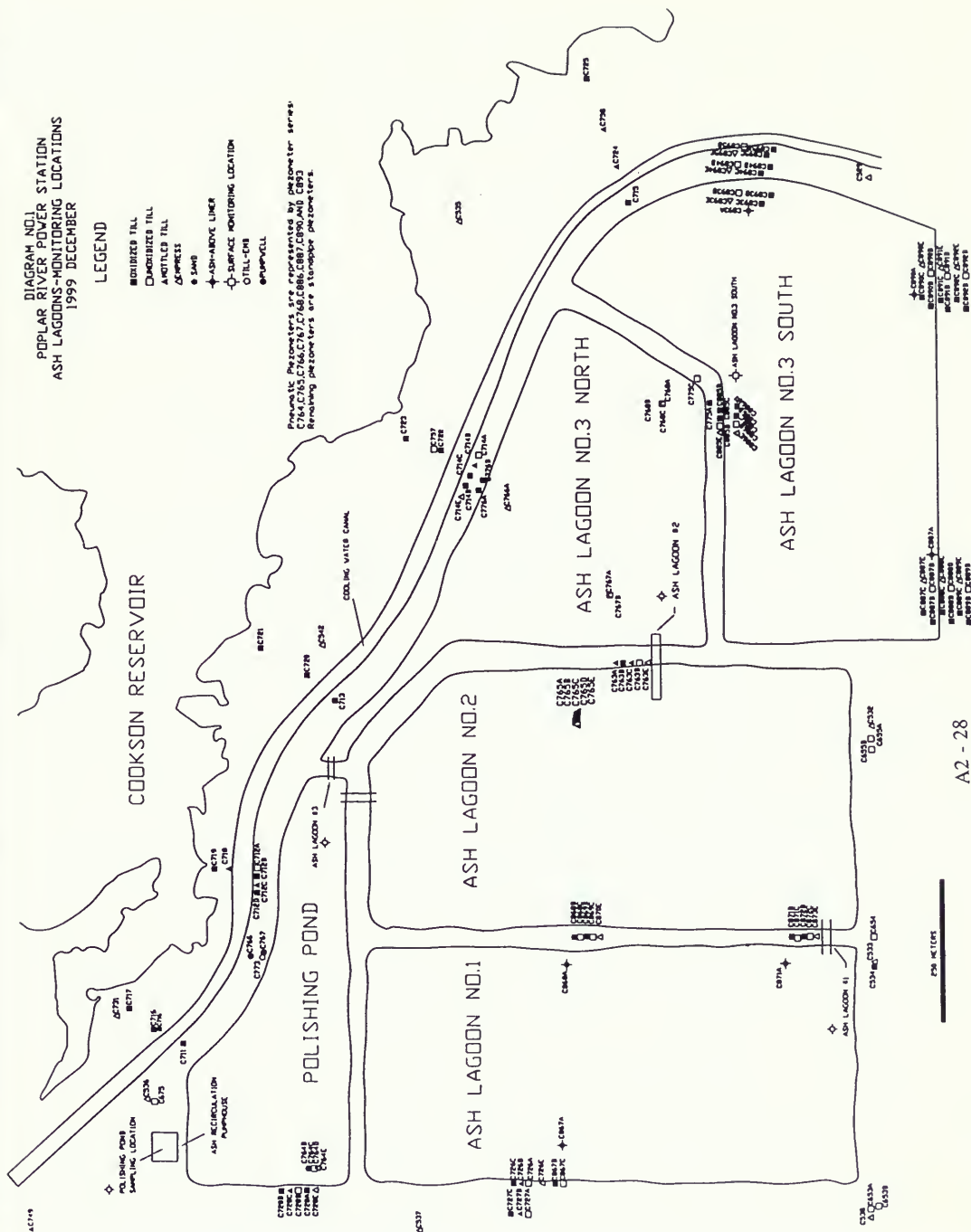


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## COOKSON RESERVOIR

- OXIDIZED TILL
- CORRODED TILL
- ▨ MOTILED TILL
- ▲ ASPRESS
- SAND
- ◆ ASH-ABOVE LINER
- ⊙ SURFACE MONITORING LOCATION
- TILL-EMB
- PUMPWELL

Pneumatic piezometers are represented by piezometer series: C76,C76S,C766,C767,C768,C886,C887,C890,AND C893. Remaining piezometers are standpipe piezometers.



# PARAMETERS

Responsible Agency: Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management | Data Collected by: SaskPower

ESQUADAT* Code	Parameter	Analytical method	Sampling Frequency Station No.: Piezometers
10101	Alkalinity-tot	Pot-Titration	A
13105	Aluminum-Diss	AA-Direct	3**
33104	Arsenic-Diss	Flameless AA	A
56104	Barium-Diss	AA-Direct	A
06201	Bicarbonates	Calculated	A
06106	Boron-Diss	Colourimetry	3**
48102	Cadmium-Diss	AA-Solvent Extract (MIBK)	A
20103	Calcium-Diss	AA-Direct	A
06301	Carbonates	Calculated	A
17203	Chloride-Diss	Colourimetry	A
24104	Chromium-Diss	AA-Direct	A
27102	Cobalt-Diss	AA-Solvent Extract (MIBK)	A
02011	Colour	Comparator	A
02041	Conductivity	Conductivity Meter	3
29105	Copper-Diss	AA-Solvent Extract (MIBK)	A
09103	Fluoride-Diss	Specific Ion Electrode	A
26104	Iron-Diss	AA-Direct	A
82103	Lead-Diss	AA-Solvent Extract (MIBK)	A
12102	Magnesium-Diss	AA-Direct	A
25104	Manganese-Diss	AA-Direct	A
80111	Mercury-Diss	Flameless AA	A
42102	Molybdenum-Diss	AA-Solvent Extract (N-Butyl acetate)	A
10301	pH	Electrometric	3**
19103	Potassium-Diss	Flame Photometry	A
34105	Selenium-Diss	Hydride generation	A
14102	Silica-Diss	Colourimetry	A
11103	Sodium-Diss	Flame Photometry	A
38101	Strontium-Diss	AA-Direct	3**
16306	Sulphate-Diss	Colourimetry	3**
10451	TDS	Gravimetric	3**
92111	Uranium-Diss	Fluorometry	3**
23104	Vanadium-Diss	AA-Direct	A
97025	Water Level		4
30105	Zinc-Diss	AA-Solvent Extract (MIBK)	A

\* Computer storage and retrieval system -Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management. No zinc or iron for Piezometers C531 to C538.

SYMBOLS: AA-Atomic Absorption    A Annually    \*\* Analyze annually for these Piezometers Nos.    AA - Solvent Extract (MIBK) - sample acidified and extracted with Methyl Isobutyl Ketone.    4 - 4 times/year    3 - 3 times/year

## Ambient Air-Quality Monitoring

**Responsible Agency: Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management**

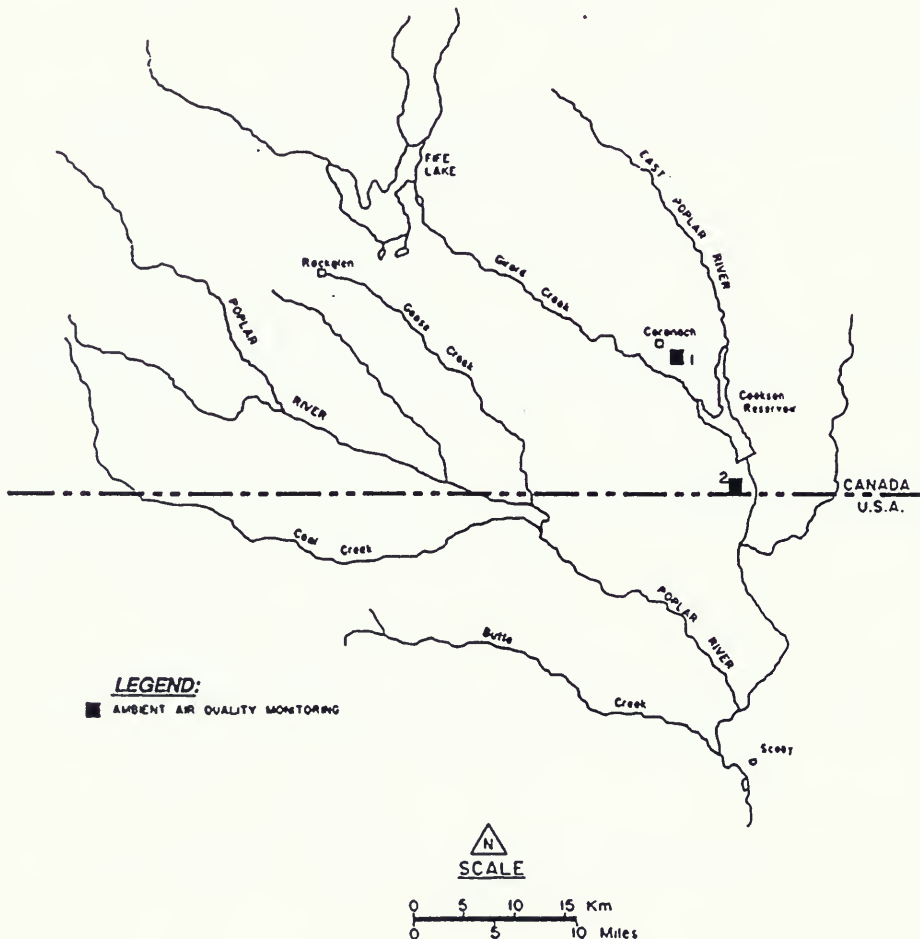
**Data Collected by: SaskPower**

No. On Map	Location	Parameters	Reporting Frequency
1	Coronach (Discontinued)	Sulphur Dioxide	Continuous monitoring with hourly averages as summary statistics.
		Total Suspended Particulate	24-hour samples on 6-day cycle, corresponding to the national air pollution surveillance sampling schedule.
2	International Boundary*	Sulphur Dioxide	Continuous monitoring with hourly averages as summary statistics.
		Total Suspended Particulate	24-hour samples on 6-day cycle, corresponding to the national air pollution surveillance sampling schedule.
3	PRPS Site**	Wind Speed and Direction	Continuous monitoring with hourly averages as summary statistics

### METHODS

Sulphur Dioxide	Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management Pulsed Fluorescence
Total Suspended Particulate	Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management High Volume Method

\*\*This station operated by SaskPower. The data is downloaded by Environment Canada.



AMBIENT AIR-QUALITY MONITORING (CANADA)



POPLAR RIVER

COOPERATIVE MONITORING ARRANGEMENT

TECHNICAL MONITORING SCHEDULES

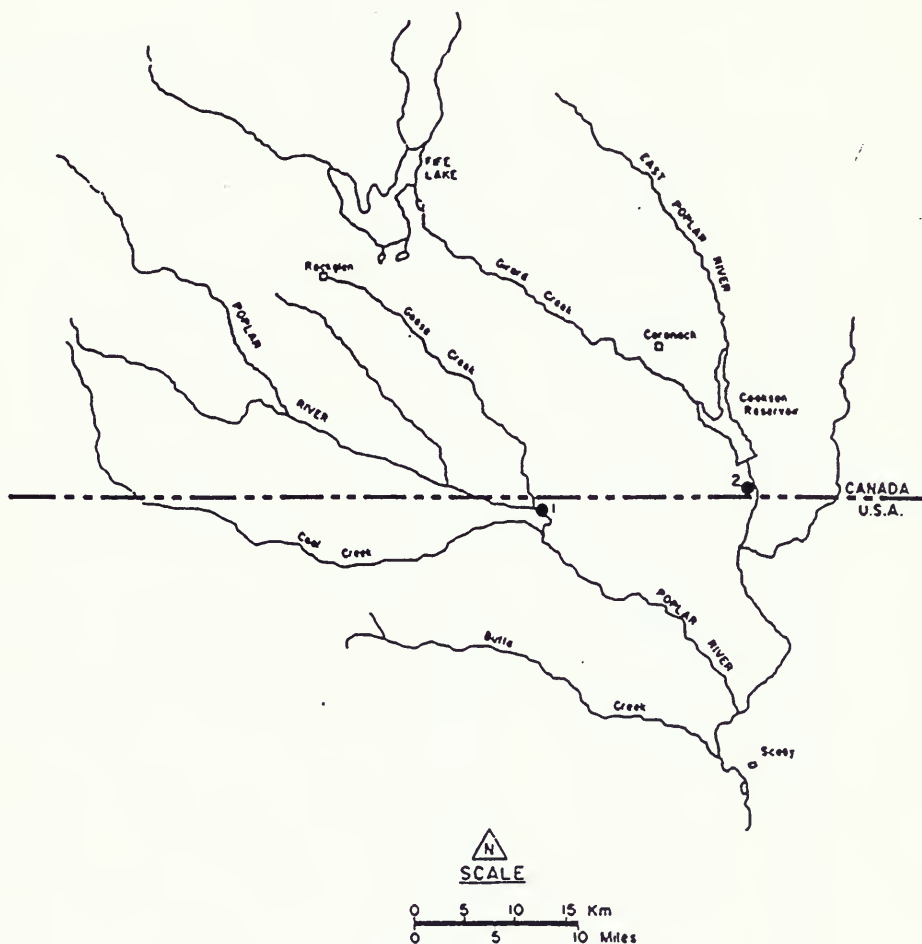
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UNITED STATES

# STREAMFLOW MONITORING

Responsible Agency: United States Geological Survey		
No. on Map	Station Number	Station Name
1 *	06178000 (11AE008)	Poplar River at International Boundary
2 *	06178500 (11AE003)	East Poplar River at International Boundary

\* International Gauging Station

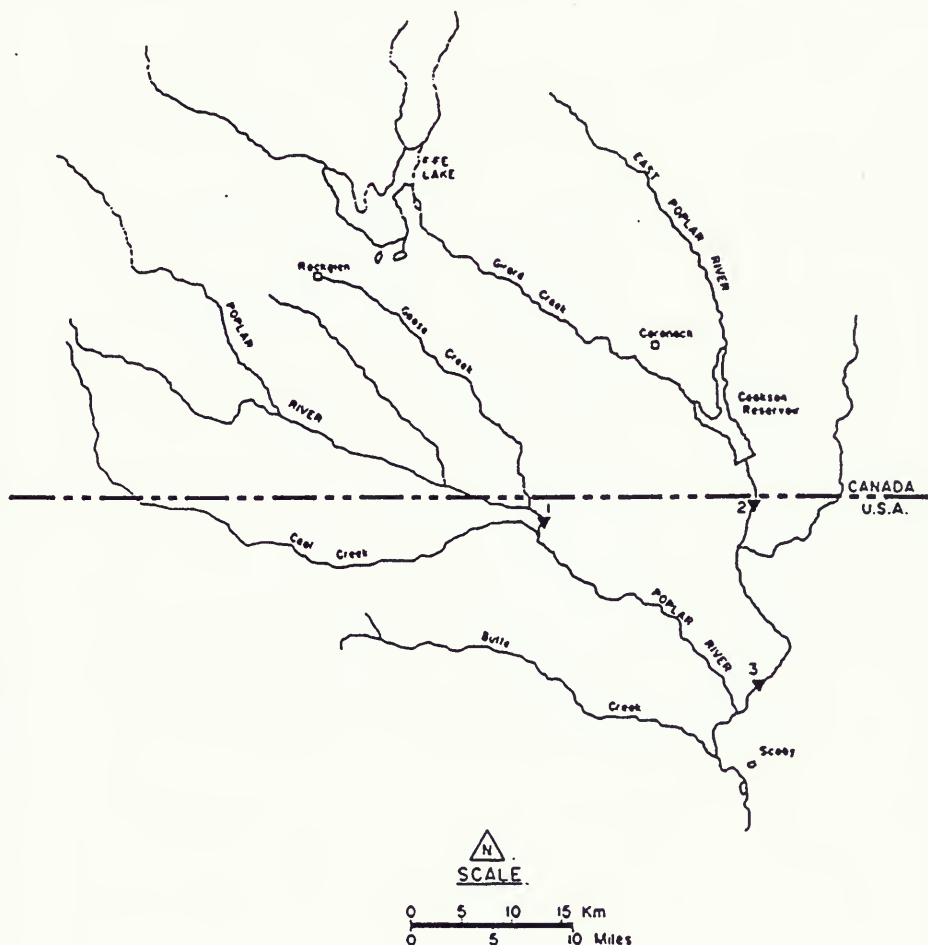


HYDROMETRIC GAUGING STATIONS (UNITED STATES)

# SURFACE-WATER-QUALITY MONITORING -- Station Location

Responsible Agency: U.S. Geological Survey				
No. On Map		USGS Station No.	STATION NAME	
1		6178000	Poplar River at International Boundary	
2		6178500	East Poplar River at International Boundary	
PARAMETERS				
			Annual Sampling Frequency	
Analytical Code	Parameter	Analytical Method	Site 1	Site 2
29801	Alkalinity - lab	Elect. Titration	5	6
01106	Aluminum - diss	ICP	2	2
00608	Ammonia - diss	Colorimetric	5	6
00625	Ammonia +Org N-tot	Colorimetric	5	6
01000	Arsenic - diss	AA, hydride	2	2
01002	Arsenic - tot	AA, hydride	1	1
01010	Beryllium - diss	AA, flame	2	2
01012	Beryllium - tot/rec	AA, flame	1	1
01020	Boron - diss	ICP	5	6
01025	Cadmium - diss	AA, GF	2	2
01027	Cadmium - tot/rec	AA, GF - Persulfate	1	2
00915	Calcium - diss	AA, flame	5	6
00680	Carbon - tot Org	Wet Oxidation	1	1
00940	Chloride - diss	IC	5	6
01030	Chromium - diss	AA, GF	2	2
01034	Chromium - tot/rec	AA, GF	1	2
00080	Color	Electrometric, visual	5	6
00095	Conductivity	Wheatstone Bridge	5	C
01040	Copper - diss	AA, GF	2	2
01042	Copper - tot/rec	AA, GF - Persulfate	1	2
00061	Discharge - inst	Direct measurement	5	6
00950	Fluoride - diss	Colorimetric, ISE	5	6
01046	Iron - diss	AA, flame	5	6
01045	Iron - tot/rec	AA, flame	1	2
01049	Lead - diss	AA, GF	2	2
01051	Lead - tot/rec	AA, GF - Persulfate	1	2
00925	Magnesium - diss	AA, flame	5	2
01056	Manganese - diss	AA, flame	2	2
01055	Manganese - tot/rec	AA, flame	1	2
01065	Nickel - diss	AA, GF	2	2
01067	Nickel - tot/rec	AA, GF - Persulfate	1	2
00613	Nitrite - diss	Colorimetric	5	6
00631	Nitrate + Nitrite - diss	Colorimetric	5	6
00300	Oxygen-diss	Oxygen membrane	5	6
00400	pH	Electrometric	5	6
00671	Phos, Ortho-diss	Colorimetric	5	6
00665	Phosphorous - tot	Colorimetric	5	6
00935	Potassium - diss	AA, flame	5	6
00931	SAR	Calculated	5	6
80154	Sediment - conc.	Filtration-Gravimetric	5	6
80155	Sediment - load	Calculated	5	6
01145	Selenium - diss	AA, hydride	2	2
01147	Selenium tot	AA, hydride	1	1
00955	Silica - diss	Colorimetric	5	6
00930	Sodium - diss	AA, flame	5	6
00945	Sulphate - diss	IC	5	6
70301	Total Dissolved Solids	Calculated	5	6
00010	Temp Water	Stem Thermometer	5	6
00020	Temp Air	Stem Thermometer	5	6
00076	Turbidity	Nephelometric	5	6
22703	Uranium - diss	LIP	-	MC
01090	Zinc - diss	AA, flame	2	2
01092	Zinc - tot/rec	AA, flame	1	2

Abbreviations: C - continuous; MC - monthly composite; GF - graphite furnace; AA - atomic absorption; tot/rec - total recoverable; diss - dissolved; AE - atomic emission; ICP - inductively coupled plasma; IC - ion exchange chromatography; LIP - ; Org - organic



SURFACE-WATER-QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS (UNITED STATES)

## GROUND-WATER-QUALITY MONITORING -- Station Locations

Responsible Agency: Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

Map Number	Well Location	Total Depth (a) (m)	Casing Diameter (cm)	Aquifer	Perforation Zone (m)
7	37N47E12BBBB	44.1	10.2	Hart Coal	39-44
16	37N46E3ABAB	25.5	10.2	Fort Union	23-25
24	37N48E5AB	9.6	10.2	Alluvium	9.2-9.6

### Parameters

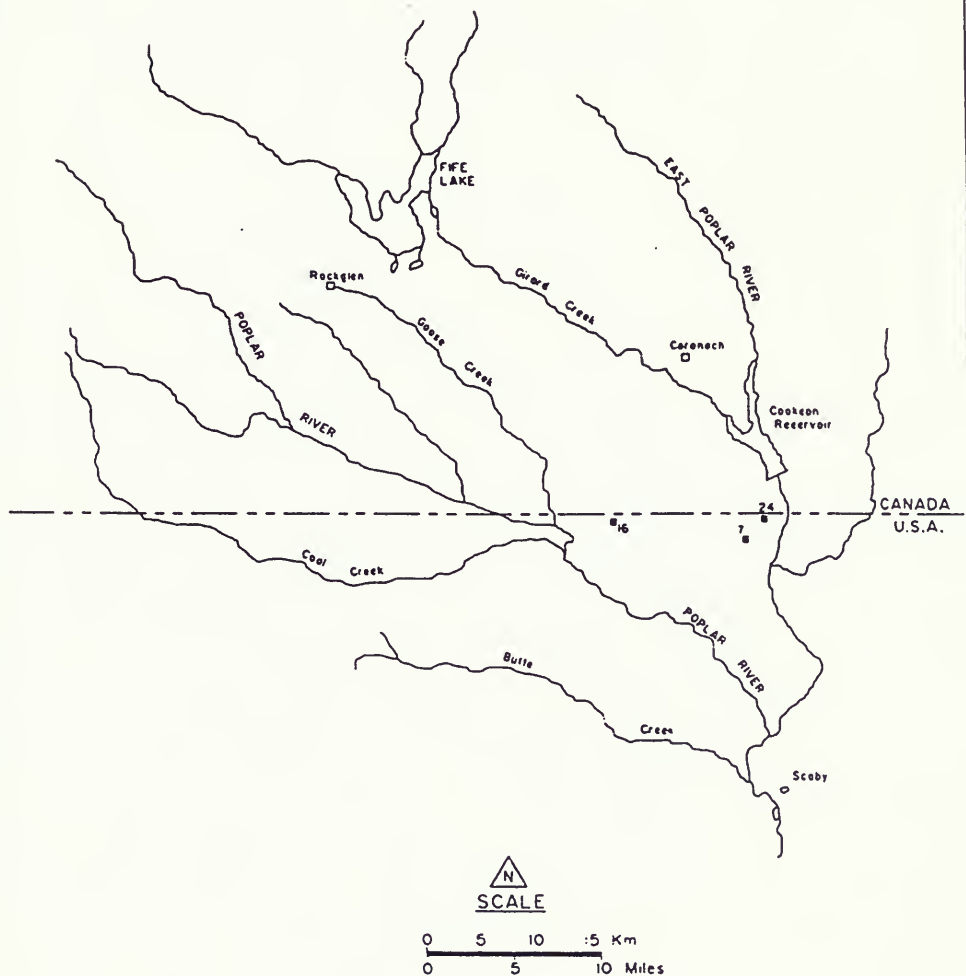
Storet ** Code	Parameter	Analytical Method	Sampling Frequency Station No.
00440	Bicarbonates	Electrometric Titration	Sample collection is annually for all locations identified above.
01020	Boron-diss	Emission Plasma, ICP	
00915	Calcium	Emission Plasma	The analytical method descriptions are those of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology Laboratory where the samples are analysed.
00445	Carbonates	Electrometric Titration	
00940	Chloride	Ion Chromatography	
00095	Conductivity	Wheatstone Bridge	
01040	Copper-diss	Emission Plasma, ICP	
00950	Fluoride	Ion Chromatography	
01046	Iron-diss	Emission Plasma, ICP	
01049	Lead-diss	Emission Plasma, ICP	
01130	Lithium-diss	Emission Plasma, ICP	
00925	Magnesium	Emission Plasma, ICP	
01056	Manganese-diss	Emission Plasma, ICP	
01060	Molybdenum	Emission Plasma, ICP-MS	
00630	Nitrate	Ion Chromatography	
00400	pH	Electrometric	
00935	Potassium	Emission Plasma, ICP	
01145	Selenium-diss	ICP-MS	
00955	Silica	Emission Plasma, ICP-MS	
00930	Sodium	Emission Plasma, ICP	
01080	Strontium-diss	Emission Plasma, ICP	
00445	Sulphate	Ion Chromatography	
00190	Zinc-diss	Emission Plasma, ICP	
70301	TDS	Calculated	

### SYMBOLS:

\*\* - Computer storage and retrieval system -- EPA

ICP - Inductively Coupled Plasma Unit

ICP - MS - Inductively Coupled Plasma - Mass Spectrometry

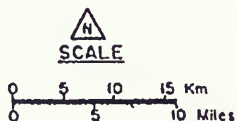
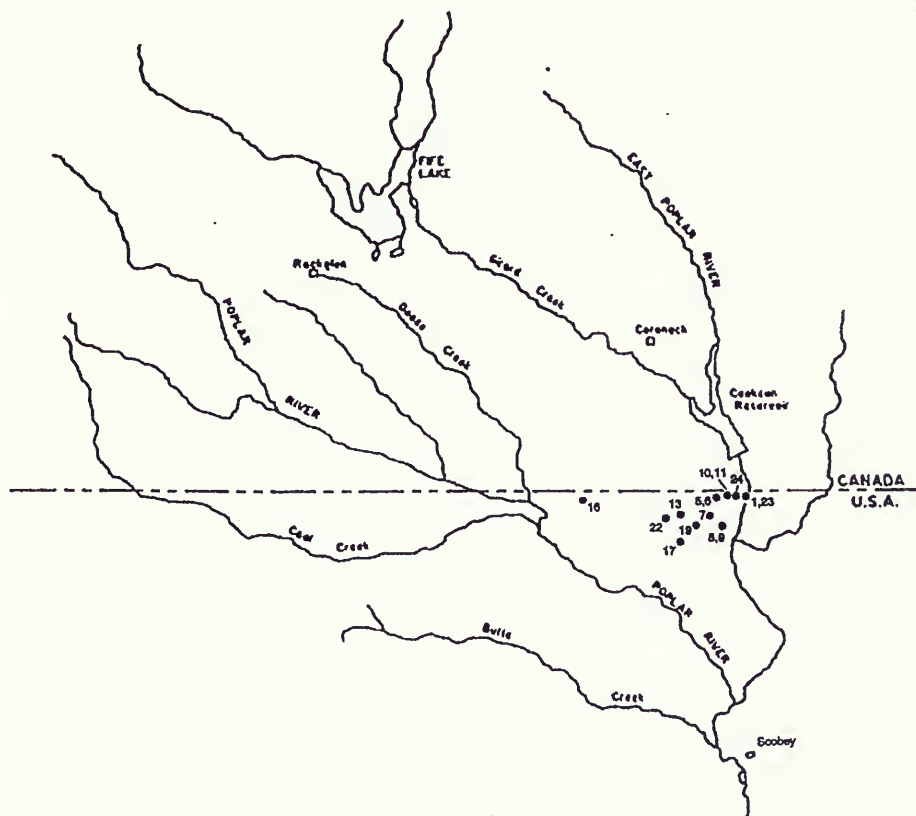


GROUND-WATER-QUALITY MONITORING (UNITED STATES)

**GROUND-WATER LEVELS TO MONITOR POTENTIAL  
DRAWDOWN DUE TO COAL SEAM DEWATERING**

Responsible Agency: Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology	
No. on Map	Sampling
56789101113161750000000	Determine water levels quarterly





GROUND-WATER PIEZOMETERS TO MONITOR POTENTIAL  
DRAWDOWN DUE TO COAL SEAM DEWATERING



## ANNEX 3

RECOMMENDED FLOW APPORTIONMENT  
IN THE POPLAR RIVER BASIN  
BY THE INTERNATIONAL SOURIS-RED RIVERS ENGINEERING BOARD,  
POPLAR RIVER TASK FORCE (1976)



**\*RECOMMENDED FLOW APPORTIONMENT  
IN THE POPLAR RIVER BASIN**

The aggregate natural flow of all streams and tributaries in the Poplar River Basin crossing the International Boundary shall be divided equally between Canada and the United States subject to the following conditions:

1. The total natural flow of the West Fork Poplar River and all its tributaries crossing the International Boundary shall be divided equally between Canada and the United States but the flow at the International Boundary in each tributary shall not be depleted by more than 60 percent of its natural flow.
2. The total natural flow of all remaining streams and tributaries in the Poplar River Basin crossing the International Boundary shall be divided equally between Canada and the United States. Specific conditions of this division are as follows:
  - (a) Canada shall deliver to the United States a minimum of 60 percent of the natural flow of the Middle Fork Poplar River at the International Boundary, as determined below the confluence of Goose Creek and Middle Fork.
  - (b) The delivery of water from Canada to the United States on the East Poplar River shall be determined on or about the first day of June of each year as follows:
    - (i) When the total natural flow of the Middle Fork Poplar River, as determined below the confluence of Goose Creek, during the immediately preceding March 1st to May 31st period does not exceed 4,690 cubic decameters (3,800 acre-feet), then a continuous minimum flow of 0.028 cubic metres per second (1.0 cubic feet per second) shall be delivered to the United States on the East Poplar River at the International Boundary throughout the succeeding 12 month period commencing June 1st. In addition, a volume of 370 cubic decameters (300 acre-feet) shall be delivered to the United States upon demand at any time during the 12 month period commencing June 1st.
    - (ii) When the total natural flow of the Middle Fork Poplar River, as determined below the confluence of Goose Creek, during the immediately preceding March 1st to May 31st period is greater than 4,690 cubic decameters (3,800 acre-feet), but does not exceed 9,250 cubic decameters (7,500 acre-feet),

\* Canada-United States, 1976, Joint studies for flow apportionment, Poplar River Basin, Montana-Saskatchewan: Main Report, International Souris-Red Rivers Board, Poplar River Task Force, 43 pp.

then a continuous minimum flow of 0.057 cubic metres per second (2.0 cubic feet per second) shall be delivered to the United States on the East Poplar River at the International Boundary during the succeeding period June 1st through August 31st. A minimum delivery of 0.028 cubic metres per second (1.0 cubic feet per second) shall then be maintained from September 1st through to May 31st of the following year. In addition, a volume of 617 cubic decameters (500 acre-feet) shall be delivered to the United States upon demand at any time during the 12-month period commencing June 1st.

- (iii) When the total natural flow of the Middle Fork Poplar River, as determined below the confluence of Goose Creek, during the immediately preceding March 1st to May 31st period is greater than 9,250 cubic decameters (7,500 acre-feet), but does not exceed 14,800 cubic decameters (12,000 acre-feet), then a continuous minimum flow of 0.085 cubic metres per second (3.0 cubic feet per second) shall be delivered to the United States on the East Poplar River at the International Boundary during the succeeding period June 1st through August 31st. A minimum delivery of 0.057 cubic metres per second (2.0 cubic feet per second) shall then be maintained from September 1st through to May 31st of the following year. In addition, a volume of 617 cubic decameters (500 acre-feet) shall be delivered to the United States upon demand at any time during the 12 month period commencing June 1st.
- (iv) When the total natural flow of the Middle Fork Poplar, as determined below the confluence of Goose Creek, during the immediately preceding March 1st to May 31st period exceeds 14,800 cubic decameters (12,000 acres-feet) then a continuous minimum flow of 0.085 cubic metres per second (3.0 cubic feet per second) shall be delivered to the United States on the East Poplar River at the International Boundary during the succeeding period June 1st through August 31st. A minimum delivery of 0.057 cubic metres per second (2.0 cubic feet per second) shall then be maintained from September 1st through to May 31st of the following year. In addition, a volume of 1,230 cubic decameters (1,000 acre-feet) shall be delivered to the United States upon demand at any time during the 12-month period commencing June 1st.
- (c) The natural flow at the International Boundary in each of the remaining individual tributaries shall not be depleted by more than 60 percent of its natural flow.

- 3. The natural flow and division periods for apportionment purposes shall be determined, unless otherwise specified, for periods of time commensurate with the uses and requirements of both countries.

## ANNEX 4

### METRIC CONVERSION FACTORS





## METRIC CONVERSION FACTORS

ac	=	4.047 m <sup>2</sup> = 0.04047 ha
ac-ft	=	1,233.5 m <sup>3</sup> = 1.2335 dam <sup>3</sup>
C°	=	5/9(F°-32)
cm	=	0.3937 in.
cm <sup>2</sup>	=	0.155 in <sup>2</sup>
dam <sup>3</sup>	=	1,000 m <sup>3</sup> = 0.8107 ac-ft
ft <sup>3</sup>	=	28.3171 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>
ha	=	10,000 m <sup>2</sup> = 2.471 ac
hm	=	100 m = 328.08 ft
hm <sup>3</sup>	=	1 x 10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup>
l.gpm	=	0.0758 L/s
in	=	2.54 cm
kg	=	2.20462 lb = 1.1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> tons
km	=	0.62137 miles
km <sup>2</sup>	=	0.3861 mi <sup>2</sup>
L	=	0.3532 ft <sup>3</sup> = 0.21997 l. gal = 0.26420 U.S. gal
L/s	=	0.035 cfs = 13.193 l.gpm = 15.848 U.S. gpm
m	=	3.2808 ft
m <sup>2</sup>	=	10.765 ft <sup>2</sup>
m <sup>3</sup>	=	1,000 L = 35.3144 ft <sup>3</sup> = 219.97 l. gal= 264.2 U.S. gal
m <sup>3</sup> /s	=	35.314 cfs
mm	=	0.00328 ft
tonne	=	1,000 kg = 1.1023 ton (short)
U.S. gpm	=	0.0631 L/s

### For Air Samples

$$\text{ppm} = 100 \text{ pphm} = 1000 \times (\text{Molecular Weight of substance}/24.45) \text{ mg/m}^3$$





